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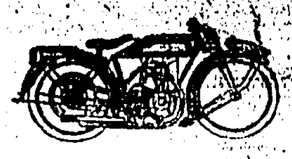

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HONGKONG'S JERRY-BUILT HOUSES.

DEATH-TRAPS WHEN FIRE BREAKS OUT.

NEED OF A NEW TYPE.

To the "jerry-built" character of the houses within the Chinese districts of the Colony, Mr. H. T. Brooks, the Fire Brigade Superintendent, ascribes many of the casualties in local fires.

This statement, which should prove of interest to insurance companies and to those who are responsible for the construction of the type of houses now general in Chinatown, was made in an interview with a *Telegraph* representative yesterday, particular reference being made to the big toll taken by the fire in Yaumati on Sunday. In this outbreak, which was only one of a number of others of an almost equally serious nature occurring within the past year, it will be recalled that seven of the nine persons who perished in the fire were unable to escape because their only means of egress down the staircase was cut off by the flames. As in other cases on record, the flames had first attacked the wooden partitions of the staircase and thus cut off the only avenue of escape permissible in the type of Chinese houses so general in the Colony. Driven back by the flames belching forth from this death-trap, seven of the inmates had run into the kitchen in the rear and were trapped within a space measuring five feet by seven. When the fire had burnt itself out, one of the firemen, going up an extension ladder, looked through what remained of the roof and saw their charred remains heaped together where they had crowded just before the end.

CO-OPERATION WITH BRIGADE.

The Brigade Superintendent pointed out that in London where he had had many years' experience of fires, insurance companies worked in close co-operation with the Brigade, inasmuch as their interests were bound up with an organization offering the best safeguard against risks. For the same reason the companies were glad to receive the daily reports of fires made by the Brigade and note the comments made thereon in regard to causes and other details. Whilst the same practice was not followed here, past comments in regard to the serious effects of local outbreaks might have moved insurance agents and builders to act more in accordance with the requirements of public safety.

Going over the records of local outbreaks it was seen that in almost all cases where the flames had got a good hold, the structures suffered total destruction, this being due to a variety of causes, practically all originating from the type of building and the cheap materials used in construction. The floors and roofs usually had as supports wooden beams driven into the brickwork of the walls, and it had been found that the ends of these beams were often eaten away by white ants. Consequently, very little was needed to bring about a total collapse of the building and in cases of fire this was simply disastrous.

DANGEROUS STAIRCASES.

But by far the most dangerous feature in the construction of these houses, from the fireman's point of view, is the formation of the staircases, which cannot be better described than a flue through which the flames are drawn by draught and thus spread to all parts of the building. The danger is enhanced by the fact that the partitions of the staircases are of matchwood. It is usually this section which is first destroyed by the flames, and in cases where an early alarm is given, collapses often occur when the inmates crowd into this one means of exit into the street.

These facts, the Superintendent said, should have proved of sufficient gravity for instant action to be taken on the lines best conducive to public safety in this overcrowded Colony. Whilst houses were permitted to be built as at present, casualties of the extent produced by Sunday's case must be expected to happen in future serious outbreaks.

SOME REMEDIES.

As to remedies, those which suggest themselves, even to the layman, are:—Firstly, that the present type of tenement should give way to one having twice the usual width, i.e., 30 feet, which could in the opinion of Mr. Brooks, be divided into two houses with a central staircase; (2) that only reinforced concrete should be used for the roofs and floors; and (3) that the staircases should be built in sections, with a long landing (extending the whole length or width, as the case may be, of the building). This staircase should not be less than four feet six inches wide. In addition there should be other means of egress wherever these are practicable. The staircase in the present type of Chinese tenements was one long steep climb, and, as likely as not, a fall down it during panic might be almost as disastrous as being caught within the building itself.

RIO GRANDE WATERS.

U. S. MEXICAN NEGOTIATIONS.

Washington, Jan. 6

President Coolidge has designated three special commissioners to arrange with the Mexican commission "for the equitable use of the Rio Grande waters below Fort Quitman.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NILE DISPUTE.

SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.

Cairo, Jan. 6.

Common ground has been reached and an agreement is in sight between the Government and the Residency on the question of the extension of the Gezira irrigation scheme, and the apportionment of the Nile water between Egypt and the Sudan.

Resignations from the Wafd are increasing, owing to the alleged open republicanism of the majority of Zaghlulists.—*Reuter.*

U.S. POSTAL RATES.

INCREASE TO COME WITH MORE PAY.

Washington, Jan. 6

The Senate has failed to pass the Postal Pay Bill over the President's veto, the voting being 55 to 29 in favour, thus just lacking the necessary two-thirds majority, consequently the salary increases of postal employees will now depend upon the enactment of a measure to advance their pay and the postal rates simultaneously.—*Reuter' American Service.*

THE POUND AND THE DOLLAR.

BRITISH FINANCIAL MOVE.

Washington, Jan. 6.

According to information reaching American officials here, the visit of Sir Montagu Norman is connected with a proposal whereby British governmental and financial interests would restore the pound sterling to its gold parity in the near future.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ARMED ROBBERS.

THREE GANGS AT WORK.

Armed robberies, two of which met with success, were attempted in various parts of the Colony yesterday.

From Kowloon City comes the report that four forced their way into a hut occupied by a hawker and his nephew, last night, and stole clothing to the value of $10. The takings were small, despite the preparations by the robbers, which included their arming themselves with an automatic pistol and a dagger.

Another gang entered No. 239, Temple Street, where, on the ground floor, they held up two timid women with revolvers. Some time was taken up in an overhaul of the valuables of the place, the robbers eventually decamping with clothing and money to the value of $120.

A third gang were not so fortunate in an attempt they made on No. 44, Queen's Road East. The occupants were having their meal when they were disturbed by the entry of three men. Two of them showed the inmates that they possessed revolvers, but this did not discourage one of the women from crying out "Save life!" on finding herself being bundled into the kitchen. Thereupon, the robbers bolted through the door and escaped into the street. No arrests were made.

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To-day is the last day for sending in last week's coupons—a point which those taking part are asked to keep in mind. Remember that coupons for any of the days of last week will be ruled out if not received at this office to-day.

The Competition, we are pleased to state, has thoroughly "caught on." Its popularity is shown by the big batches of coupons which have come to hand. There are evidently many residents who have their eye on the big motor-car and other splendid prizes. The contest presents no unusual difficulties whatever, and the only advice we would tender competitors at the moment is "Simplicity Pays." The simpler the solutions sent in, the greater will be your chance of winning one of the prizes.

In to-morrow's *Telegraph* we intend disclosing the correct words for last week's coupons, and this will give competitors an idea of how they have fared so far.

OBITUARY.

MR. ROBERT IRWIN.

Tokyo, Jan. 6.

The death is announced of the veteran American, Mr. Robert Irwin, at the age of 81 years, who for over 50 years had been in residence in Tokyo.

Deceased was formerly adviser to the Commercial Department, when he was closely associated with the work in developing foreign trade relations with the late Marquis Inouye and other leaders in this country.—*Daily Bulletin.*

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

"DANGEROUS STRUCTURE."

£500,000 NEEDED.

("Telegraph" Special Service).

London, Jan. 6th.

St. Paul's Cathedral has been officially declared by the Corporation of the City of London to be "a dangerous structure."

The matter of the safety of the Cathedral's dome has been under consideration by the Cathedral authorities for some time. Last month a Commission of five architectural experts made to them an interim report recommending that the eight piers supporting the dome should be consolidated at a cost of between £120,000 and £125,000.

The requirements, which are made by the City Corporation in the interests of public safety, are far-reaching in character and it is hinted that to fulfil them will necessitate an expenditure of £500,000.

Dean Inge stated to-day that the final report of the Commission of Experts is expected in the near future, and meanwhile he could give no indication of what steps the Cathedral authorities would take.

It may be mentioned that the dome of St. Paul's weighs over 60,000 tons.

[The original St. Paul's Cathedral was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666, which also caused the destruction of eighty-eight churches in London as well as whole streets of houses. The fire lasted five days. The present Cathedral was built by Sir Christopher Wren. Its dome is 404 feet high and 145 feet in external diameter. The length of the building, west and east, is 500 feet.]

MOTOR BUS FIRED AT.

INCIDENT NEAR PAKHOI.

A Pakhoi correspondent, writing under date of December 25th, states that General Tang Pun-ying, a supporter of General Chan King-ming, drove out the occupying troops at Limchow on the 23rd and seized Pakhoi on the following day.

The only shooting reported near Pakhoi concerned a motor bus. According to the driver's story, he was taking his empty bus from Pakhoi to Limchow City about midnight on the 23rd December and when about four miles out he was called upon to stop, but instead of doing so he increased his speed and the next moment he found himself in the midst of a shower of rifle bullets, twelve of which passed through his bus. He then realized that he had crossed the path of some of the invading soldiers. He stopped his vehicle and left it on the road and took to his heels and in the darkness, making his way back to Pakhoi. Judging by the bullet holes in the bus, he had two or three narrow shaves.

On the same night, about the same time, and near the same spot, a disabled motor car fell twenty feet over an embankment into a stream.

On 27th December, a batch of thirty to forty soldiers appeared at the Pakhoi motor bus terminus station and demanded free passage to Limchow City. The motor bus people would not yield to the request. This resulted in the bus people being tied up and the terminus station and garage being looted, but when the incident was brought to the notice of the chief military officer here, all the loot was returned.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

DIPHTHERIA AND TYPHOID.

Last week's health return shows seven non-fatal cases of diphtheria, the sufferers being five British (one imported) and two Chinese; as well as six cases of typhoid fever (two Japanese, two Chinese, one British and one Indian), of which only one was fatal.

There were also one fatal case each of small-pox and cerebro-spinal fever (both Chinese), as well as two Chinese deaths from influenza.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

THE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

The Engineers, Mounted Infantry and Infantry of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps have often been before the eyes of the Colony during the past year, both in the Press and in *propria persona*

The Gunners' work, though equally praiseworthy, has so far been unsung, and it is felt that some publicity should be given to the performance of a very important branch of the Defence Corps.

The original Hongkong Volunteer Corps, raised in 1862, was an Artillery Corps. There are two interesting photographs hanging in the Officers' Mess, the one showing a parade in the Happy Valley, and the other portraying a group of bewhiskered officers. Unfortunately the names of the latter are not recorded, and if there are any old inhabitants in the Colony who could identify any of the latter, a visit to Headquarters would be very welcome.

Since the days of these worthies the science of Artillery has made enormous strides, and the soda water bottle shaped cannon, fired with a black powder charge, seem like prehistoric relics when compared with the modern weapons which are manned by the Artillery Company of to-day.

Although the ancient weapons have vanished, one link with their era remains and is preserved in the Sergeants' Mess. This is the Artillery Cup, which was presented to the Corps for competition between sections by Sir Hercules G. R. Robinson in 1864.

After a lapse of some years, the competition for this cup was revived this season, and a keen contest took place at Ping Shan Artillery camp on Sunday, 14th, December.

There are two sections in the company, the original section, now known as the City Section, and a newly formed Taikoo Section. Both spent the week-end of December, 13th/14th at Ping Shan Camp with 38th Heavy Battery R. A. Saturday afternoon was spent in practice of moving warfare, and detachments were introduced to the eccentricities of mule teams. After dark a lecture on battery organisation was given by the Instructor of Gunnery China Command, and the conditions of the Cup Competition were explained. The Company were afterwards guests of the Sergeants' Mess R. A. (Hard Lines!).

The tactical scheme for the Competition was as follows:—The Artillery Company formed the advance guard artillery of a force advancing Southward along the Fanling-Castle Peak Road. Opposition was encountered about the village of Nai Wai, and the first task of the guns was to shell this village. This operation was naturally carried out with blank ammunition. The advance having been resumed, the Battery Commander suddenly saw a party of hostile infantry advancing over the foot hills. The guns were off the road and in action with very praiseworty rapidity. Of the ten rounds fired, six were effective, including one burst right in the middle of the targets. The battery then proceeded along a side track, to give close support to the infantry. A hostile machine gun was located, and a further ten rounds fired. Effective neutralisation began from the 3rd round, and one round fell only five yards from the target.

The detachments, during these shoots, were strictly marked down for any faults by the Instructor in Gunnery, and in spite of this the Taikoo Section won the cup with 90 per cent. of marks, with the City Section in close attendance with 80 odd per cent.

It is hoped that these lines will catch the eyes of prospective recruits, and that they will enroll themselves at Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road. Twenty men are required to bring the unit up to strength, and forty to give it a percentage spare.

LOCAL BARRISTER.

REBUKED BY CHIEF JUSTICE.

A severe commentary on the action of Mr. N. I. Brewer, a local barrister, in directly advising a client, was made by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan), in the Supreme Court this morning, when giving judgment in the case commenced yesterday in which Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Co., claimed for $2,216 52 from the Tai Sai Kai firm for goods sold and delivered.

It was yesterday mentioned by Mr. Jenkin, who appears for the plaintiffs, that Mr. N. I. Brewer had replied to a letter written by Messrs Humphreys to the Tai Sai Kai firm.

During his judgment this morning, Sir Henry Gollan said:—"I was very surprised yesterday to hear of the action of a local barrister in directly advising a client, and, on further thought, my surprise has not diminished. I understood that no question which fell within the jurisdiction of this Court should be dealt with directly, though I understand it is permissible in Summary Court cases. I should like to say that I think it very undesirable and unnecessary and I regret that any member of the Bar should have impinged upon the territory which belongs to a profession fully capable of dealing with matters of this kind. His letter of June 20 contains a statement that he has advised them and asks for particulars. There is nothing to show that the writer had before him Mr. Humphreys' letter of June 18. On June 23rd, Mr. Humpreys wrote giving full particulars and went on to make an important statement in that Li Shui-hung, the manager of the defendant firm, promised that the money would be paid on Friday, June 20th or at very latest Saturday, June 21st. If that letter had come into the hands of an experienced solicitor, it is very clear what his answer would have been. After taking advice from his client he would have written leaving no element of doubt that the debt was repudiated. As a matter of fact, the answer of the letter signed by the same barrister merely states that the Tai Sai Kai deny liability and would leave Messrs. Humphreys to establish their claim A very unsatisfactory one."

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ who appears for the defendants in the case, in closing said there was no direct evidence to show that Au Yee-chuen had any authority to buy goods on behalf of the firm and certainly not that he was empowered to sign promissory notes in the name of the firm.

Mr. Jenkin said that the documents made on June 16th and 17th went to show that the compradore's version of what took place at the interview was the correct one.

His Lordship said it was a most difficult case, containing elements which left a great deal of doubt in his mind. The onus was on the plaintiffs to prove their claim, and he would therefore give judgment for the defendants. He thought that it would be fairer, in view of all the circumstances, to make the order without costs.

Mr. Alabaster said he would like his Lordship to exonerate those engaged on behalf of the defendants in Court from blame.

His Lordship:—Most certainly, Mr. Alabaster.

GOLF.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The Captain's Cup qualifying competition played at Fanling on January 3 to 5 resulted as follows:

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A.H. Ferguson	82	4 = 78	
E.R. Hallifax	97	18 = 79	

RAID IN DARK.

DARING ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP.

IN VICINITY OF WARSHIP.

The daring of Chinese desperadoes was illustrated in an attempt to kidnap a wealthy Chinese merchant yesterday, in the near vicinity of a British warship. Only the vigilance of some sampan people prevented the success of the raid, which was carried out during the dark hours of early morning.

The intended victim of these pirates was a merchant, a native of Samshui, who arrived at that place on the Hongkong-Wuchow steamer Chung On, and evidently his impending arrival was known to the "bad hats" of the neighbourhood, who laid their plans accordingly.

The Chung On reached Samshui about five o'clock yesterday morning, and anchored during dark and rainy weather. H.M.S. Tarantula was at anchor nearby. According to sampan folk who were eyewitnesses, three men approached the steamer in a boat and stealthily clambered aboard. It is reported that they took the Chinese merchant unawares, and, threatening him with death if he made a sound, were actually about to lead him to their boat when the alarm was given.

"SAVE LIFE!"

There were about fifty sampans gathered about the ship, and their occupants, observing what was afoot, raised a shout of "Save life!" This had an immediate effect. Abandoning their would-be victim, the raiders proceeded to make good their escape.

Captain H. Lossius, of the Chung On, and Mr. W. B. Harding, the chief officer, who had just turned in after a long night's vigil, both dashed out on deck when the alarm was given, Captain Lossius with his automatic and Mr. Harding with a repeating rifle. The pirates were heard to shout "Foreign devils fight," and they departed hurriedly in their sampan, leaving the intended captive on the Chung On.

In the dark, it was impossible for the two officers to fire after the men for fear of hitting some of the innocent sampan people in the vicinity.

KONGMOON NOTES.

BOATMEN THREATEN STRIKE.

(*Our Own Correspondent.*)

Kongmoon, Jan. 6th.

General Hsu Sung-chi, who was expected to visit this port yesterday on his West River inspection tour, has still not arrived. An official report says that he has just disembarked at Shiuhing, and has had to postpone his trip to Kongmoon for the next few days.

The Boatmen's Union, which is an organization representing all the boatmen within Ng Yap (or Five Districts), has just lodged a protest with the new Commissioner of Police here against the new tax proposed by the ex-Commissioner. The new tax is intended to be levied on the small native craft which is to be divided into four classes and taxed accordingly. It is stated that unless the proposed tax is done away with the Union will call a strike as a second step.

In order to combat the snatching evil, which is going from bad to worse, the Merchant Volunteers at Kongmoon have decided to reinstitute the patrolling service, which is to be started as from the middle of this moon. At Sunwui, additional secret service men are sent out from the Magistracy to look out for snatchers, whom, when caught red-handed, will be given capital punishment.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ITALIAN SITUATION.

London, Jan. 6.

The situation in Italy is attracting considerable attention here. Liberal papers particularly are denunciatory in their criticisms of Mussolini and consider his defiant attitude as the conduct of a desperate man.

Mr. Lloyd George, at the National Liberal Club, strongly attacked Fascism and declared that repression, intimidation, arson and murder are instruments of the Government of Italy, and there had been nothing worse there since the atrocious rule of King Bomba (Ferdinand II), of Naples, who reigned in the middle of the nineteenth century). He rejoiced that the great Liberal leaders were beginning a new struggle for Italian freedom.

The *Times* expresses much doubt regarding the stability of the present regime. On the other hand the *Daily Mail* pays a glowing tribute to Mussolini, for whom, it proclaims, the British peoples intense admiration, and describes him as the chief bulwark of civilisation against Bolshevism.—*Reuter.*

SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM TRAFFIC.

London, Jan. 6.

According to the *Manchester Guardian*, a Cabinet Minister is likely to be added to the British delegation to the Opium Conference at Geneva, which will resume on January 12. It is understood that the Cabinet yesterday discussed the question of policy involved.

It may be taken that the British Government, while sympathising with the object of the American proposal to gradually suppress opium traffic, questions the wisdom of the particular method proposed, holding the opinion that it would be better to evolve a means of controlling the import of opium into countries where the trade is doing harm than to attempt to end the trade at one stroke.

It is declared that the prominence given to the matter in India is quite unfair, it being pointed out that India does not export opium except to Governments which want it and can control its distribution, and that there has been no export of opium from India to China since 1917, since when its production in China, Persia and Turkey has increased.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN WAR CLAIMS.

Washington, Jan. 6.

Replying to Britain's contention that the full amount of the American war claims against Germany should not be chargeable against the annuities payable by Germany under the Dawes plan, Mr. Hughes reaffirms the Administration's previous attitude that American claims are entitled to equal treatment in the allocation of German payments. It is understood, however, that a communication dispatched yesterday reiterates the Government's desire not to press unduly in the matter of time for payments, and its willingness to compromise regarding the period over which the payment of claims may be spread. The Note states the Government does not see anything regarding the claims requiring arbitration, as the British Government suggested.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE ALLIES' COLOGNE NOTE.

Berlin, Jan. 6.

The Allied note concerning Cologne has evoked a chorus of protests from the Press. Herr Marx's organ, the *Germania* says that the note seriously threatens to destroy the mutual confidence of nations which was recently reviving. The *Tageblatt* says that the German people unanimously reject the monstrous attempt to subject a population of 2,000,000 to foreign domination.

The monarchist paper, the *Kreuzzeitung* states that the real reason of the non-evacuation of Cologne is that British needs the support of France for an extra-European policy, and therefore gives France a free hand on the Rhine.—*Reuter.*

INTER-ALLIED DEBTS QUESTION.

London, Jan. 6.

Mr. Winston Churchill and Sir Otto Niemeyer, Controller of Finance, have gone to Paris to attend the Conference of the Allied Finance Ministers.

Although the matter of Inter-Allied debts does not figure on the agenda paper, they dwarf everything else in importance, and certainly will be unofficially discussed.—*Reuter.*

HARASSED GERMANY.

Paris, Jan. 6.

The newspapers regard the decision of the German metallurgical experts not to return to Paris until Thursday as contrary to their promise, and the fact that Germany has not as yet replied to the French proposals for a *modus vivendi* as a mere political manoeuvre to make French pressure stop.

According to *Le Matin*, French experts are of the opinion that the German manoeuvre does not constitute a final decision and will be subdued by firmness and coolness.—*Havas.*

FRANCE'S DEBT TO AMERICA.

Washington, Jan. 6.

The Treasurer, Mr. Mellon, states that the French memorandum does not mark a new step towards the funding settlement with France. He assumes that something more definite will be received. —*Reuter's American Service.*

OBITUARY.

Berlin, Jan. 6.

The death is announced of Baroness Elizabeth von Heyking, wife of the former German Minister to China.—*Reuter.*

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YAUMATI ROBBERY.

WIDOW VICTIMISED.

Four men were concerned in an armed robbery, which was committed at No. 239 Temple Street, Yaumati, when the inmates were victimized to the extent of $120 worth of money and clothing.

In her report to the police, a widow residing at the house, said she was sitting on her bed when the men sought admission under the pretence that they were seeking a person named Lok Ting-ki. After gaining admittance to the floor one of the men who was armed with a revolver, kept guard over the occupants while the other three who were in possession of another revolver and dagger, ransacked the flat. Everything of value was taken and after being on the floor for half an hour they made good their escape.

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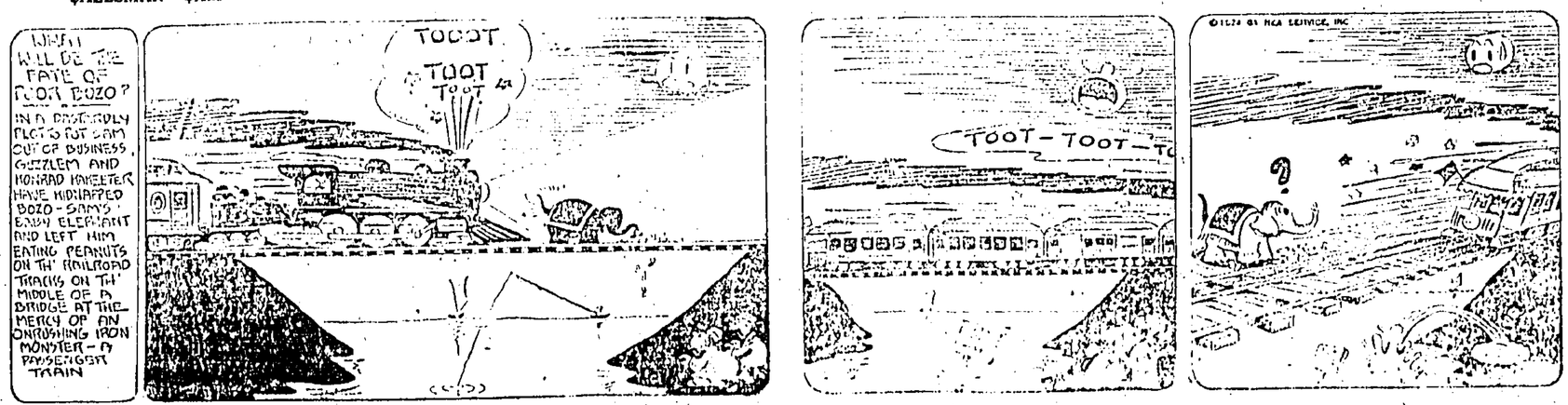

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AUSTRALIA'S POOR SHOWING.

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At the close of play today, England had lost one wicket for 54 runs, Australia having completed their second innings for 250 runs.

The weather was glorious and the wicket perfect, although towards the end of the day's play it showed signs of commencing to wear. The attendance numbered 32,000. It was an interesting day's cricket. The Australians had a hard fight to get runs against the good bowling and superb fielding of the Englishmen. Gilligan, particularly, excelled in the latter department. At the luncheon adjournment the Australians' score was 5 for 139 runs. When play was resumed three wickets fell with dramatic suddenness. Six wickets were down for 166, 7 for 168 and 8 for 168. Then Oldfield and Gregory added 71.

Taylor batted attractively for 149 minutes, hitting one five and seven fours. Hearne recovered form with the ball but Tate was not the demon he was yesterday. The innings lasted altogether 284 minutes.

Hobbs' downfall shortly after the commencement of the visitors' second innings was disappointing. He appeared to be well set.

Details of the scores are:

Australia, first innings	600
England, first innings	479
Australia, second innings:	
Collins, b Hearne	30
Bardsley, l.b.w., b Tate	2
A. Richardson, b Tate	9
Ponsford, b Tate	4
Taylor, b Tate	90
V. Richardson, c Strudwick, b Hearne	8
Kelleway, c and b Hearne	17
Hartkopf, l.b.w., b Tate	0
Gregory, not out	36
Oldfield, l.b.w., b Hearne	39
Mailey, b Tate	3
Extras	13
Total	250

Bowling Analysis.

	Runs.	Wkts.
Tate	99	6
Gilligan	40	0
Tyldesley	6	0
Hearne	84	4
Douglas	9	0

England, Second Innings.

Hobbs, l.b.w., b Mailey	22
Sutcliffe, not out	12
Strudwick, not out	15
Extras	5
Total for 1 wicket	54

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FATAL TRAM ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRY HELD.

Mr. J. R. Wood, assisted by a jury consisting of Messrs. F. J. Tavares, J. F. Tavares, and W. Taylor, held an enquiry into the death of a Chinese aged 69 years, who was killed by a tramcar in Des Voeux Road Central, on December 22.

At the outset Mr. Wood told the jury that unfortunately the doctor, who had made the *post mortem* examination was indisposed and a witness who was on the tram at the time of the accident had left the Colony. The jury were asked to give their views of the case after hearing the evidence and then the enquiry would be adjourned *sine die*.

A nepew of the deceased's testified to his uncle's sight, which he said was good. He was not deaf.

The driver of the tram car said that at about 10.35 a.m. on the December 22 he was approaching the Central Market from the direction of Sincere Company and was just turning a curve in the road when he observed an elderly Chinese, hurrying across the road, from the left hand side. When he was first seen, deceased was half way between the tram lines and the side channel. Witness at once applied the emergency brake and the hand brake. Deceased had almost cleared the lines when the car struck him behind the knees forcing him to fall back onto the tram and then forward again.

After hearing further evidence the jury said they were of the opinion that deceased was killed by accident and no blame would be attached to the driver.

The case was adjourned *sine die*.

ALLEGATION AGAINST DISTILLERY.

THE REVENUE DEFRAUDED.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the hearing was concluded of the case in which the Fook Cheung wine distillery, of Aberdeen, was charged with defrauding Government Revenue.

It is alleged that wine was distilled by the defendants and removed after regulation hours and that a false return was sent to the Imports and Exports Office. Following certain discoveries, a party of Revenue Officers, in charge of Inspector Ward, went to Aberdeen and watched the distillery. One Revenue Officer was posted not far from the distillery, while the rest or the party waited for developments on a sampan anchored off the sea wall. After a long watch jars of wine were seen being taken out of the distillery. Inspector Ward and the Chinese officers went ashore and proceeded to the distillery. Some of the jars were examined and found to be hot: evidence was contradictory as to what proportion of the 210 jars found were hot and what quantity was warm or cold.

Yesterday Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Office, gave evidence that since this case he had experimented on the temperature of freshly distilled Chinese wine. The temperature was 105 to 125 degrees, after the distilling process. He made the experiment at 6.30 a.m. At 1.15 p.m. the temperature had cooled down to 85 degrees.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that with the exception of a missing date the books of the Fook Cheung distillery supported the defence, but he would like to remark that if it was true, as asserted by the defendants, that they distilled 32 jars a day, he was surprised to find the enormous amount of fementing mash on the premises.

Question of Temperature.

This closed the case for the prosecution. Mr. Lo submitted that the Crown had not proved their case. Commenting on the condition of the wine when the Revenue Officers found it, Mr. Lo pointed out the contradictory evidence. Inspector Ward declared that he was satisfied that practically all the jars were hot, while on the other hand a Chinese Revenue Officer said some of the jars were hot, some warm and others cold. This was supported by another Chinese officer. On such evidence, Mr. Lo submitted, his Worship after making allowance for the common human foible of exaggerating, could only say that some of the wine was not cold.

His Worship interposed that one of the Chinese witnesses distinctly said the wine was hot.

Mr. Lo said the hot jars might have been the ones distilled that day.

The Magistrate said he would consider the evidence before making his decision. He adjourned the case until Friday afternoon.

The mistress of a boat charged with aiding the Fook Cheung distiller in the removal of Chinese liquor was discharged. She was also represented by Mr. Lo.

MINOR INTERPORTS.

HONGKONG AND MACAO.

In reciprocating their visit to Macao in October last, the members of the Club Juvenil entertained here the members of the Associacao Desportiva Macaense, Macao, who were invited to participate in tennis and football matches.

The visitors were welcomed at a tea party on Friday and a dance was given in their honour on Saturday, where all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and were specially appreciative of Al. Castro's Footwarmers Jazz Band & the Lyric Dance Orchestra for providing excellent dancing music.

On Sunday morning, 4th. inst, the visitors scored a creditable victory at tennis against the Club Juvenil, the final scores being 50 games to 42 in their favour. For Macao, Alfredo Jorge and L. Mello played extremely well.

In the afternoon the Macao boys were matched against the Club Juvenil at football on the Railway ground, before a large crowd of spectators. The Club Juvenil scored the first goal through Fuores, and towards the interval Barretto added another goal for the Hongkong side. Interval: Club Juvenil, 2; A. D. M. Macao, 0.

Resuming, Ward put Hongkong further ahead with a nice shot, after which the Macao players did their utmost and were rewarded with a goal by Rodrigues, who headed past the goalkeeper, giving him no chance. This goal seemed to put fresh vigour into the Macao players, who were playing a stirring game. After a few exchanges and the ball travelling up and down the field, the Club Juvenil added a further goal through Ward, and Barretto later on again found the net. The Macao players, notwithstanding the big load of their opponents, managed three goals when nearing the final whistle, through Rosario (2) and Vidigal (1). The game ended with the Club Juvenil winners by the narrow margin of 5 goals to 4. Santos, Rodrigues (Macao) and Fuertes (Hongkong) were the pick of the players.

Mr. P. Xavier was in charge of the game.

A reception followed and speeches were cordially exchanged between the respective Presidents, after which the party broke up.

The Macao players left by the afternoon boat on Monday and were accorded a hearty send off by many friends.

YESTERDAY'S CRICKET.

ARMY v. NAVY.

The Navy and Army were engaged in a two days' match on the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground yesterday, play beginning at 11 a.m. The naval men went in to bat first and after losing the first few wickets cheaply Chidson (24), Hargreaves (66 not out) and Lake (17) carried the score to 152. The Navy's tail failed completely and the last four men only added 15 runs towards the total. The army tried five bowlers and Rowe proved the most successful. Stripp behind the strumps played a brilliant game, giving away no extras. The innings came to a close just before the tiffin interval and the Army's first pair, Stripp and Fritz went in to bat after tiffin. The former knocked up the useful score of 33 before being dismissed by Cantrell. Chidson and Henslowe also passed the 30 mark and at the closure the Army had a lead of 28 runs on the first innings. Cantrell and Hargreaves shared the bowling honours for the Navy.

The Navy started their second innings shortly after four o'clock and Jotham and West, the opening batsmen, played steadily. When, just two short of the half century mark, the Navy captain was caught by Rowe. The score was taken to 81 for two wickets when a stumps were drawn, West being 28 not out. Scores:

Navy 1st Innings.

Lieut. Com. Jotham, c Fritz, b Henslowe	15
Capt. West, c Smith, b Henslowe	7
Lieut. Wanchope, b Rowe	8
Lieut. Chidson, l.b.w. Jacob	24
Lieut. Gush, b Rowe	0
Pay Lieut. Com. Hargreaves, not out	66
Capt. Lake, b Jacob	17
Col. Cantrell, b Rough	0
Com. Barfett, c Cockell, b Rowe	6
Mid. Sawers, c Stripp, b Fritz	9
Lieut. Gould, l.b.w. Fritz	0
Extras	0
Total	152

Bowling Analysis.—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Jacob	15	3	44	2
Henslowe	8	1	32	2
Rowe	9	1	33	3
Rough	2	0	26	1
Fritz	3	0	17	1

Army 1st Innings.

C. Q. M. S. Stripp, b Cantrell	33
C. Q. M. S. Fritz, c Gould, b Hargreaves	8
Sgt. Cockell, C. Jotham, b Hargreaves	1
Major Hattersley-Smith, c Jotham, b Hargreaves	15
Lieut. Chidson, run out	32
Lieut. Alfree, c Jotham, b Cantrell	7
Lieut. Henslowe, c Wauchope, b Cantrell	36
Lieut. Smith, c and b. Cantrell	17
Capt. Rowe, c Gould, b Cantrell	5
Master Gun. Rough, b Hargreaves	5
Q. M. S. Jacob, not out	1
Extras	20
Total	180

Bowling Analysis.—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cantrell	20	2	73	5
Hargreaves	17	0	68	4
Gould	4	0	19	0

Navy 2nd. Innings.

Jotham, c Rowe, b Smith	48
West, not out	28
Wauchope, b Rowe	3
Abelson, not out	0
Extras	2
Total (for two wkts.)	81

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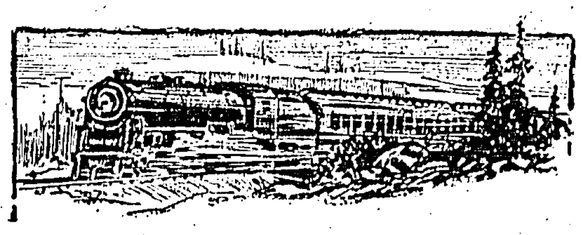

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RIFLE SHOOTING.

TAIKOO'S EASY VICTORY.

An interesting triangular contest under the Hongkong Rifle League, between the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment, the Taikoo Recreation Club and the 25th Battery, R. G. A., was shot off on Sunday and resulted in an easy victory for the Dockyard men. There were eight men aside and firing took place on the 200,500 and 600 yards ranges. Taikoo, who, with H. M. S. Hawkins are now on top of the League table with two victories to their credit, scored a grand total of 680 points, the Surreys (who were allowed six per cent for open sights) put together 542, whilst the Artillerymen could only manage 399.

Below will be found the detailed scores together with the League Table for the week ending January 4.

Taikoo.

Name.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Pts.
Mr. T. Swan...	30	33	31	94
Mr. C. H. Summers ...	31	31	31	93
Mr. D. B. Bone.....	29	31	28	88
Mr. R. Wallace	31	30	25	86
Mr. G. Nisbet.	25	29	31	85
Mr. T. Grimshaw	27	31	25	83
Mr. M. H. Wallace.....	27	28	21	76
Mr. T. Williams.....	24	25	26	75
Grand total	224	238	218	680

1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment.

Name.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Pts.
2/Lt. C. H. Dickens.....	26	28	29	83
L/Corpal. C. W. Sells.....	24	23	24	71
Pte. A. Hepper	20	26	24	70
L/Sergt A. Jones	23	28	17	68
C. Q. M. S. E. Franklin	23	28	15	66
L/Sergt. C. Garland.....	20	22	20	62
Pte. W. Cheeseman	18	20	12	50
Pte. C. Read..	0	22	19	41
Grand total	154	197	160	511
Plus 6% for Open Sights				31
				542

25th Battery R.G.A.

Name.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Pts.
Gunner. Steel.	20	25	20	65
S. Sergt. Conley	17	29	18	64
Gunner. Stone	17	19	9	45
Lieut. Bigg....	12	19	10	41
Capt. Barrett..	15	11	13	39
Sergt. Ward...	12	13	12	37
Sergt. Silvester	13	12	3	28
Sergt. Neal....	16	12	0	27
Grand Total	121	140	85	346
Plus 6% for Open Sights				21
				367

LEAGUE TABLE.

Up to Week Ending January 4, 1925.

	F.	W.	L.	Pts.
M.H.S. Hawkins.....	2	2	—	4
Taikoo Rifle Club	2	2	—	4
Small Arms Club.....	3	2	1	4
1st Bn. East Surrey..	2	1	1	2
"Hawkins" Marines.	2	1	1	2
25th Battery R.G.A.	5	0	5	0
H.K.V.D. Corps.....	—	—	—	—
R. N. Dockyard.....	—	—	—	—

PROBLEM OF COLONISATION.

"Poor Whites" in South Africa.

The steady increase of the poor whites (says Miss Violet Markham in the *Edinburgh Review*) is a grave question in South Africa to-day. Statistics are not forthcoming as to their actual numbers—definition is an obvious difficulty; but they account, probably, for at least 10 per cent. of the small white population with a fringe which would run into a much higher figure.

It is all part and parcel of the many contradictions of South Africa that in a vast area sparsely populated with whites so much difficulty should be found about land settlement. But agricultural development is governed by three factors—water, capital, and markets and the-at-elbows members of families whose numbers have grown beyond the power of the original farm to support them are in no position to meet the expenses involved by a new holding.

Capital is an affair of brains as well as of money, and in this respect also the poor white is ill-equipped. Badly educated, often unfit in mind and body, these unhappy people squat on the margin of existence—a grievous trial to their neighbours if not to themselves. In the beautiful Knysna district, where poor whites unfortunately abound, says the writer, I have seen children, chicken, and goats all mixed up and lying together in the dust surrounding the indescribable hovels which shelter this type of family.

SUNDAY CINEMAS.

Barred in Middlesex.

By a large majority the County Council of Middlesex have refused to allow the Sunday opening of cinemas within their domain. Forty suburban picture-houses made a big effort to secure the concession.

It was promised that there should be no clashing with church services; that employees should have one day off in the week; and that, if the council desired, some portion of the profits should be devoted, as in London, to charity.

The Clerk stated that he had received 103 petitions, 97 of which were from churches and other places of worship. These had been signed by 15,903 persons. In addition, he had received 1,227 letters and postcards all asking the council not to alter the existing conditions with regard to the opening of cinemas on Sundays. The letters also contained resolutions from certain meetings to the same effect. That morning he had received seven other petitions and 26 letters and postcards of protest.

A member of the council said he had had 637 letters and postcards against and 61 in favour of Sunday opening.

The council's decision was received with cheers in Westminster Guildhall, where the meeting was held.

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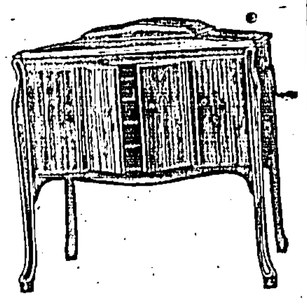

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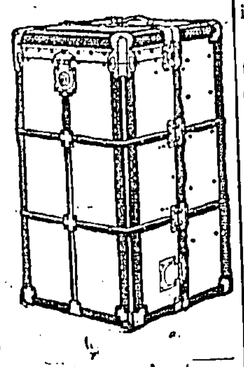

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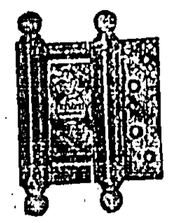

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The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 7th Jan., 1925.

THE WRONG SPIRIT.

It is not a pleasant task, in a Colony like this, to direct attention to the lack of public-spiritedness on the part of the average Chinese crowd when circumstances arise calling for help—such, for example, as the incident on Monday when a buffalo succeeded in knocking down a ship's captain and pinning him to the ground. On that occasion, large numbers of Chinese soon assembled, but it is put on record that not one of them showed the least inclination to come to the rescue of the victim of the attack. It was left to two Europeans to do what they could whilst the crowd of natives merely looked on. Seemingly, the Chinese onlookers could not even be shamed into action.

The incident which inspires these words is typical of many others which have occurred here and in which the same spirit has been shown by native onlookers. We may judge from these facts that the average Chinese man-in-the-street has no sense of civic responsibility whatever. He is quite prepared to stand by and see others placed in jeopardy without realising that there rests upon him him a moral obligation to render aid. We can understand this attitude to some extent amongst the more unenlightened sections of the Chinese in the matter of rescuing the drowning, for this is a point upon which much superstition prevails. We are also prepared to admit that on occasions Chinese assistance has been forthcoming in chasing snatchers and sneak-thieves. But whenever there is prospect of immediate personal danger, the almost invariable rule amongst Chinese crowds is to hang back and refrain from offering the least assistance.

This spirit of apathy, indifference or funk (whichever be the correct description) is altogether lamentable, and we would that efforts could be made to dissipate it and instil into the minds of the Chinese masses the point that citizenship implies responsibilities as well as privileges. The Government might even do worse than engage a few native street-preachers to broadcast healthier ideas on this topic, stressing the point that the encouragement of a better spirit and the giving of examples of correct conduct in this regard will work to the common good of all. Maybe a realisation that they themselves may look, for help when needed will, in the long run, have the result of inducing those who now hang back in face of danger to do their part when others are in jeopardy. In these matters it is essential that the community-spirit be fostered if the largest measure of protection is to be assured the public. That is the point that we want to see driven home to the Chinese masses of this Colony.

German Default.

The list of breaches of covenant of which Germany is held guilty by the Allies takes a somewhat serious form, though actually it is merely a matter of wilful obstruction rather than an attempt to evade the whole issue of the late war. Nevertheless it shows how the country has been overridden by the Junker class to such an extent that the democratic Government of recent months appears to have been, powerless to see that all the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles, and the subsequent modifications, were strictly carried out. In so saying, we presume that there is, or has been a genuine desire on the part of the German administration to avoid giving any grounds for a refusal of partial evacuation at the end of this week, as arranged. It seems unlikely that there would be a deliberate attempt to bluff at this stage, yet that breaches have been discovered is evident. Perhaps this exhibition of determination on the part of the Allies will result in a realisation that no evasions will be tolerated in future, and the next time an evacuation falls due there will be no reason to refuse to carry it out. If the Germans have wilfully tried to go counter to the pact, it is disappointing. In any case it is disquieting: for if future observance of the treaty terms be due only to inability to evade them, then it is obvious that will mean a nursing of the spirit of revenge for some later opportunity to bring forth in full strength—and that would mean a continuance of the tension on the continent of Europe which already threatens to wreck the edifice of peace that the nations are attempting to build.

The Iron Hand.

Events in Italy these days offer an interesting study of administrative method, and the eventual result might well form the criterion by which to judge the feasibility or otherwise of similar methods in other countries. If we accept the Mussolini Government as a patriotic one actuated only by motives of doing the best for the country, then it is to be hoped no mistake has been made, and that the result of the strong-hand tactics will not throw the people, by a process of reaction, into the ranks of the opposition and thus spell the inevitable downfall of Fascism as a dominant factor in the country. The exact composition of the opposition is difficult to assess, but it appears to include moderate elements that could not be accused of communistic designs on the State, such as the ex-service men's association. Evidently Signor Mussolini is determined to suppress all those who go counter to him, whoever they are. He has suppressed or threatened every newspaper which criticised his policy. There has now arisen a virtual dictatorship, with Mussolini at the head. Thus has he done what his foremost critics accused him of contemplating by less direct methods. His policy is described now as the desperate action of a desperate man. Certainly it is a very dangerous attempt to impose the will of a section on the majority. The repercussion might be greater even than the means of suppression.

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DAY BY DAY.

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A humorous sketch relating to St. George's Ball by our cartoonist, Mr. Stan Hill, will appear in to-morrow's *Telegraph*.

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The damage done by the fire which broke out yesterday in the storeroom of the Y. K. K. Sodegaura Maru has been estimated at $300.

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The silk shipped per s.s. President Jackson, which sailed from this port at 6 a.m. on December 5th, arrived in New York at 8.00 a.m. December 28th, having been 23 calendar days in transit.

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A white terrier dog, belonging to Mrs. Brambridge, of the Empress Store, Kowloon, was taken to Kennedy Town yesterday for observation following an attack it made on a Chinese woman.

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An unknown car, which drove off after the accident, knocked down a Chinese in Des Voeux Road Central in the small hours of yesterday morning. The victim was taken to the Government Civil Hospital with injuries to his head and legs.

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The public is reminded of the fine programme which has been arranged for the Hongkong Male Voice Choir in the St. John's Cathedral Hall at 9 p.m. to-morrow. A real treat is promised music-lovers, and besides the choir there are a number of well-known artistes appearing.

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Jerry Monohan, who recently knocked out Flores in 45 seconds and thus gained the Lightweight Championship of the Orient, is passing through Hongkong in March. He has signified his willingess to meet S. P. O. Jim Cartlidge for his title, provided the Hongkong Boxing Association will stage the fight.

ON THE WEST RIVER.

[BY A CHIEF OFFICER.]

We usually leave Hongkong in the evening. The Hongkong Police are in attendance, and go through the solemn farce of locking all gates and grilles. The keys are then delivered to me with:—"There ye are, chief; and how are ye at all, at all?" I reply:—"Oh no sae bad; will ye have a peg?" The usual answer is "Oh shure no; I've got to be afther lockin' some more ships up; good-night." And then we leave, and I open all the gates again, to be closed of course later.

It is a great game. We chaps take our lives in our hands every time we leave Hongkong, and who of the shore people think of it? We buckle a revolver and ammunition round our waist, or slip an automatic into one pocket—for we dare not be without arms—and then we have to see that every gate and grille is closed and the keys in our possession. The bridge is like a fort, almost impregnable—bullet-proof steel plates round it, and barbed wire — but the utmost vigilance must be exercised when the gates have to be opened to relieve the Indian guards, or for any other reason.

At times we get a shot or two from the banks of the river, and sometimes we get threatening letters from the pirates stating that if the ship does not pay a certain sum of money we will be shelled by big guns. We have not been shelled yet. The system of escorts by gunboats has prevented that, and also the convoy system has to a great extent prevented piracy from the inside. But one never knows. It is nearing Chinese New Year, and everybody wants money, even the pirates: and I'm just slipping on my revolver to go out and take charge. As MacWhirter might say, "They'll get nae money o' mine, for I never have any!" I can gie a policeman a peg, but a pirate would have to take my money at the point of the gun. I come from Aberdeen. "You know what I mean." But anyhow it's a great life. It seems a pity that the man in the river boat should be so despised and socially ostracised. He is not such a bad chap, and he takes risks that lots of others would not care to take.

THE ENGLISH BALL.

LAST NIGHT'S HAPPY GATHERING.

A spirit of happy revelry prevailed at the St. George's Ball last night, which was attended by a most representative gathering of Englishmen and their friends. The decorations, as indicated in yesterday's issue, were simple in design but most striking, whilst complimentary comments were heard on all hands of the lighting effects in the ballrooms. When dancing was in full swing a most animated scene was presented. Some beautiful dresses were seen, whilst a big sprinkling of naval and military officers in uniform, as well as a number of Scottish guests in native garb, all helped to give brightness and colour to the picture.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) was welcomed on arrival by the President of the Society (Mr. H. W. Bird) and members of the Committee, and, headed by a guard composed of Beefeaters in their picturesque dress, the party moved to the main hall, being escorted by the Fife and Drum Band of the Surrey Regiment playing "The British Grenadiers."

In all, there were twenty-two numbers on the dance card, the only "square" dance being the Lancers. Music was supplied by the Band of the East Surrey Regiment and the combined Hongkong Hotel Orchestras, both of which were in fine form. Supper was served in three sittings, the result being to relieve the congestion in the ballrooms, so that for the greater part of the evening those taking the floor were able to dance in relative comfort. As usual, supper was served in the Theatre Royal, a really splendid menu being provided by the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

The whole function was a complete success, and all concerned are to be commended for the excellence of the arrangements.

Official Guests.

The first supper was served at 11.15, whereat the guests of honour were Mr. Mr. H. W. Bird and Lady Severn, H. E. the Governor and Mrs. H. W. Bird, Vice Admiral Sir A. F. Everett and Lady Edmonstone, General Sir John Fowler and Mrs. Stirling, Sir Henry Gollan and Mrs. Creasy, Sir A. Edmonstone and Mrs. Holyoak, Mr. L. A. Dowley and Mrs. Gompertz, Commodore Stirling and Mrs. Winston, Hon. Sir C. Severn and Mrs. R. Hancock, Hon. Mr. McI. Messer and Mrs. L. G. Bird, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Mrs. Vernon, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax C.M.G., and Mrs. Chow Shou-son, Sir Paul Chater and Mrs. Beith, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Shenton, Mr. Justice Gompertz and Mrs. Ram, Mr. W. W. Hornell and Mrs. Hall, Hon. Mr. Chou Shou-son and Mrs. Wells, Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mrs. Reid, Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird and Mrs. Hornell, Mr. R. Hancock and Mrs. Birkett, Mr. J. Reid and Mrs. Gordon Mackie, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Baker, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mrs. Greenhill, Mr. M. E. F. Airey and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mrs. Airey and Mr. L. S. Greenhill and Mrs. Deacon.

After the usual toasts had been honoured Mr. Bird, the President of the Society addressed the guests.

President's Speech.

Mr. Bird Said:—"Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It seems to me that as the years roll by, it becomes increasingly difficult for the President of this Society to say the few words that are expected of him on this occasion, because all that is useful has already been said. There is, however, something that comes to me quite easily and that is to welcome you all here to-night very heartily and to render my very sincere thanks to all those who have worked so hard in the endeavour to make this Ball a success.

"I wish specially to thank Mrs. Harrington for so kindly arranging the flowers on our tables with her usual consummate skill, Mr. Nicholson for providing us with the beautiful roses, the smell of which reminds one of England, and our indefatigable honorary secretaries, Mr. Greenhill and Mr. Hollands for their good work.

Fine Fellows.

"I am not going to tell you what fine fellows Englishmen are—I am going to take it for granted that we are all agreed on the subject—but I do hold a brief to-night for this and kindred Societies because I believe they help to foster that spirit of patriotism which, though sometimes not very apparent, yet is deeply engrained in every Englishman's heart, and it is that patriotism which kills the rank weed of Bolshevism for which we have no room in the Garden of England. I would liken St. George to the head gardener of England, and this Society to his hoe. The Bolshevist weed may creep underground for a space but no sooner does it show its head above ground than St. George "ups" with his hoe and he "cuts" it. This society has grown rapidly since it was started locally in 1917 by a handful of Englishmen—we now number 560 members—but we shall not be satisfied until every Englishman in Hongkong is a member.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I will not detain you longer but will give you another toast from the English poet Henley:

Ever the faith endures,
England my England:
Take and break us, we are yours
England my own!
Life is good, and joy runs high
Between English earth and sky;
Death is death; but we shall die
To the song on your bugles blown,
England. (Applause).

A FINE FILM.

ON SHOW TO-NIGHT.

There are so many notable features about "Merry-Go-Round," the big Universal film which comes to the Coronet and World Theatres this evening, that it is difficult to select any for special mention. Pages of praise could be written about the acting, but since it must be described in one word, nothing less will serve than superlative. The leading role is taken by a remarkably clever young actress, Mary Philbin, who is Universal's find of the year. But if "Merry-Go-Round" is a triumph for Mary Philbin, placing her in one bound among the screen's greatest stars, it is also a triumph for George Seigmann, whose portrayal of the detestable circus bully is so convincing as to rouse the beholder to a fine pitch of indignation. While George Seigmann makes a truly odious villain, Norman Kerry captures all hearts as the hero, the scion of a noble Austrian family, whose life in the brilliant Vienna of the pre-war days is one long round of pleasure or showy idleness.

Space forbids any mention of the many arresting incidents that follow fast upon each other, but it would be impossible anyway to convey in words the elusive glamour that invests every scene. Suffice it to say that never once does the interest flag, while at times—such as the dread moment when the ape takes a hand in the story—it reaches fever pitch. Portraying poverty and splendour, love, war and peace, "Merry-Go-Round" is a piece of life in its most varied colours that cannot fail to make a deep impression upon anyone who has any eye at all for good drama skilfully unfolded.

QUADRUPLE WEDDING.

SOME FURTHER DETAILS

In connection with the quadruple wedding which took place at St. John's Cathedral on Monday, it should be stated that the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle was assisted by the Rev. Li Ko-yan, and that Mr. Ma Ying-piu, the father of the bridegrooms, is President of the National Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd., and not a Director of the Chinese National Bank, as stated in some of the reports of the wedding. Moreover, Mr. Ma Man-fai, one of the bridegrooms, is connected with the Shanghai branch of the Sincere Company.

The following took a prominent part in the ceremony:—

Wedding of Mr. Ma Man-chung and Miss Wong Oi-chan.—Bride given away by her brother, Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen; best man, Mr. Charles Suen; bridesmaid, Miss Sze Kwok-wah.

Wedding of Mr. Ma Man-kapp and Miss Cheuk Sin-yuen.—Bride given away by Mr. Cheuk Yuet; best, Mr. She Kwong cheung; bridesmaid, Miss She Mei-ying.

Wedding of Mr. Ma Man-hing and Miss Yeung Mui-yung.—Bride given away by her father, Mr. Yeung Kam-wah; best man, Mr. Lau Iu-shi; bridesmaid Miss Yung Mui-hing.

Wedding of Mr. Ma Man-fai and Miss Kwok Lai-lin.—Bride given away by her uncle, Mr. Gockchin; best man, Mr. Henry Ma; bridesmaid, Miss L. S. Kwok.

NEW ITALIAN MINISTRY.

DEMONSTRATIONS BY FASCISTI.

Rome, Jan. 6.

The Cabinet has been reconstructed and is solidly Fascist, with the exception of Signor Donava, the Minister of Public Economy, who belongs to a section of the Popular Party loyal toward Signor Mussolini,

Meanwhile the ultra Fascisti are demanding stronger measures against the opposition. Demonstrations were made by Fascisti in Venice.

They paraded, shouting for the appointment of the extreme Fascist, Signor Farinacci, as Minister of the Interior.

It appears that a plenary meeting of the opposition has been convened for January 8th.—*Reuter.*

SHIPPING NEWS.

WEATHER AGAIN ROUGH.

The Chung Wah Navigation Company's liner Ling Nam, Captain W. C. Weston, leaves this evening for South America via Australia, and takes the Australian and New Zealand mail with her.

The freighter Produce, Captain Winsnes, left yesterday noon for Kong Moon with a cargo of coals.

The coaster Prominent, Captain Jonson, arrived yesterday morning early from Saigon, and reports the monsoon south of here as again being on the increase, with rough seas and—what is unusual—mostly misty or rainy weather. In spite of all this, and although he did not have a single astronomical observation from Saigon, all the way up here, this experienced master managed to bring his vessel up in the fine time of 4 days 18 hours, taking only 2 days 20 hours from Saigon harbour to Macclesfield Bank, along the Western edge of which he was able to obtain a rough position by sounding. He afterwards set his course for Gap Rock, which he picked up right ahead. However, he complained of a strong contrary set from Macclesfield and up here.

The freighter Clara Jebsen, Captain H. Christiansen, arrived this morning from Singapore and had rough weather all the way up.

"SAINT JOAN".

ONLY ADVERTISED PERFORMANCES.

Theatre bookings for visiting professional companies make it absolutely impossible for the A.D.C. to extend its brief season of Bernard Shaw's great play. It has been possible only to arrange for another matinee, and this, as advertised, will take place on Saturday afternoon, the 17th inst., at 4.30 p.m. Applications for seats for this performance are being received, but booking will not open until the 10th. Interest in the play has "attacked" all classes of the community, not the least those engaged in scholastic pursuits, who, with some of their charges, will be well represented at the Wednesday matinee.

The settings by two Russian artists, are of extraordinary beauty and finish, whilst the costumes are finely in the spirit of the play. It has again to be emphasised that the play will commence promptly at 9 p.m. and that late-comers will not be admitted during the playing of the first scene.

MODERN RUGGER MAIDS.

The "rugger" maid is essentially a modern production. Around the enclosures of any of the leading London clubs she can be found any Saturday afternoon. She monopolises half the accommodation at every International game at Twickenham. She goes suitably clad in tweeds of a tailor-made. It is not her object to display some latest Parisian fashion. From the moment of the kick-off she settles down, and with straining eyes watches every phase of the game until "No side" is sounded by the last, long shrill blast on the referee's whistle. In every point of the handling code the modern "rugger" maid is an expert.

OLD REMEDY FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Danish Professor's Important Claims.

At two consecutive meetings of the Danish Medical Society Dr. Molgaard, Professor of Physiology at the College of Agriculture, gave an account of his new remedy "Sanocrysin" for tuberculosis, after which Dr. Sechor, chief physician at the Bespobjerg Hospital, explained the results of experiments on about 300 patients at his own and other hospitals. Professor Molgaard:—

We have for the first time succeeded in creating a remedy which is able to kill the tuberculosis bacilli in the patient, and we have also found a way, through a supplementary serum treatment, to neutralise the poison created by the destruction of the bacilli. Through clinical experiments we have, moreover, got so far that we are able to estimate the chances of recovery for each patient. In mild cases we can in quite a short time—about three weeks—beat down the disease completely, and in more severe cases we are able to save about half the patients.

A factory for the making of sanocrysin—a gold solution—has been founded, and already it uses no less than 100 kilos of pure gold a month, but as England has developed a demand for ten kilos daily, there is no doubt that the production will soon have to be considerably extended.

VERMIN IN CARGOES.

New Use for Gasoline Fumes.

The exhaust from a gasoline engine—such as that of a motor car or launch—seems to be the nearest approach yet made to an ideal poison gas for ridding ships, warehouses, drains and other places from rats.

In the London *Lancet* Drs. D. B. Blacklock and W. H. Peacock mention that the requisites of such a gas are that it must be highly poisonous to rats, relatively harmless to man, free from injurious effects on cargo or furnishings and fittings, and must be cheap and easily applied and that the gases now used—sulphur dioxide, hydrogen cyanide, and carbon monoxide—all fail on some one or more of these requirements.

In the tests made, the exhaust gas acted more quickly and effectively than sulphur dioxide, while it produced no irritation causing animals to seek escape. In boxes it killed rats in one minute, it penetrated the bags and cargo of a ship's lighter so thoroughly that ten out of twelve rats were destroyed within an hour. When the hatches were raised after the fumigation, the gas quickly escaped in a visible cloud, permitting labourers to enter safely.

Articles of a kind usually included in a ship's cargo—such as lard, butter, sugar, cocoa-beans, potatoes, flour, bacon, salt, palm kernels and onions—were unaffected by exposure for six and a half hours, to the exhaust of a launch's engine; and there was no change perceptible in colour or texture of a great variety of cotton, silk and woollen articles.

GERMANS IN MALAYA.

A Ban Recalled.

In view of recent developments, it is rather interesting to recall that it is just six years ago since a public meeting in Singapore, convened by the Singapore Branch of the Straits Settlements Association:—

"That having regard to the methods of the German people both before and during the War and their wilful breaches of international law towards belligerents and neutrals alike: to their barbaric and deceitful natures so clearly evidenced during the war: and to the loathing and contempt which all honourable men feel towards them: this meeting of the citizens of Singapore urgently represents to the Government that for the purpose of safeguarding the decencies of life and preserving good order and government no German subject should for at least ten years after the declaration of peace be allowed to land, reside or trade within the Colony of the Straits Settlements or the Federated Malay States."

Well, things have altered somewhat since then and it is highly probable that we shall see the Germans back in Malaya well before the expiry of the ten years' ostracism.—*Straits Echo.*

FOSSIL BUTTERFLIES.

Some Rare Discoveries.

Fossil butterflies, like fossil birds, are very rare. Less than fifty specimens, I believe, have been found. They are comparatively late developments from the descendants of the ancestral progenitor of all insects—a wingless, legless, writhing worm in the primordial slime. Millions of years before they evolved, mayflies were being preserved in Devonian strata. And millions of years before then, harassed city housewives will be interested to hear, Silurian cockroaches were disporting themselves in a very kitchenless world. They were then exceedingly abundant in the Upper Paleozoic coal swamps. It was then, perhaps, that they developed the affection for coal—or, more correctly, coal-to-be—that now seems to exercise such a fascination for them in our cellars and basement kitchens. But I digress.

Everyone knows the handsome Red Admiral, the Painted Lady, and the Tortoiseshell. Of eight fossil butterflies found in that wonderful repository of primeval insects the Florissant Lake basin—the narrow valley high up in the mountains of Colorado—five were close relatives of theirs, of the same Vanessa family. Another was a Pieris, a near relation of our ubiquitous Cabbage Whites. About a dozen moths were found there, all very small ones. One but torfly Prodryas persephone, not unlike the Red Admiral in its colour massings but with "swallow tails," is marvellously preserved. Its knobbed antennas are there, and you see the very scales on the outspread wings. It is in better condition than any fossil butterfly yet found in Europe.

A few years ago finely preserved moth, not unlike our modern Magpie, that ravager of our currant and gooseberry bushes, was brought to light after a 2,000,000-year sleep in the lower part of the Bembridge marls, in Gurnard Bay, near Cowes. Even a piece of the fragile little body remains and there are traces of colour still in her outspread wings. You will find her in one of "the lonely galleries" at the Natural History Museum in South Kensington, through which hurry eager visitors hankering after the subterranean haunt of the whales. Close by is a prehistoric butterfly, eternally embedded in a lump of glass-clear amber from Zanzibar. . . .

HOW IT HAPPENED.

How came butterflies that fluttered in the sunshine of so many hundreds of thousands of years ago to be preserved? Most of them are in shales and beds of pale grey marl, clay that has turned to stone in the slow passing of the ages and flakes off like crude slates when struck endways-on. Near Aix some were found in gypsum; and others, in the Siebengebirge, near Stoschen, were in lignite (brown coal). Probably they came down to drink in the mud, as butterflies do today. In some cases, doubtless, they died on the mud, or the wings that have been found were those that fluttered down after a bird or bat had snapped at them.

Then the tide happened to rise exceptionally high, or flood waters came suddenly down in spate. The butterfly became wedged in a cul-de-sac of stone with a cluster of water-weed blocking the way out. Through chinks in the stones the securing waters poured a creamy stream of mud, the fine particles of which settled gently around and above the fragile little insect and its fairy wings without injuring so much as a scale. The waters went down. Out came the sun, baking the lump of mud dry and hard. Then, millimeter by millimeter, inch by inch, the sediment of passing ages built up the earth above it until, at last, it lay beneath a veritable hill. Some butterflies may have been embedded in their marl sarcophagi by spatters of clay thrown up by great primeval beasts, such as the early elephants that preceded the mammoth.

The same process is going on to-day all round us in the hot countries. What an incredibly petty creature of the brief moment the all-powerful Eastern potentate must consider the butterfly that flits before his throne! Yet, a million years from now—if chemical warfare spares us—long hundreds of thousands of years after that ruler's memory has passed from the ken of man, scientists may be rediscovering the butterfly and describing it in their wireless telephone chat after breakfast with friends in Alaska, Natal, and New Guinea.

If you would like to go hunting for the dainty little winged creatures of the long ago, there are several good localities in England at which to try your luck. Many prizes have come out of that cliff near Cowes, and most assuredly many more remain. There are some good fossil insect quarries—in the limestone, if I recollect correctly—near Aylesbury. There is a prolific stratum of nodular yellow limestone near Ilminster; and all manner of interesting finds have come out of the "insect limestones" that are ground up for cement at Granby and Barrow-on-Soar. Dragonflies, in the old days, were dragonflies, by the way. They had a wingspread of as much as 2ft, and ran to a length of 14in. in the body. What effete weaklings our modern "gaint dragonflies," howking along the willow herb-fringed streams, look beside them! These big follows remind one of the giant bees that beset the Old Man in the Tree, in Lear's book of limericks.—Ex.

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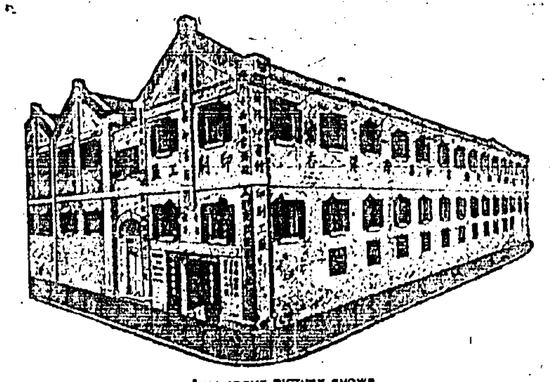

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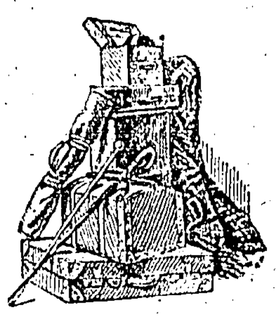

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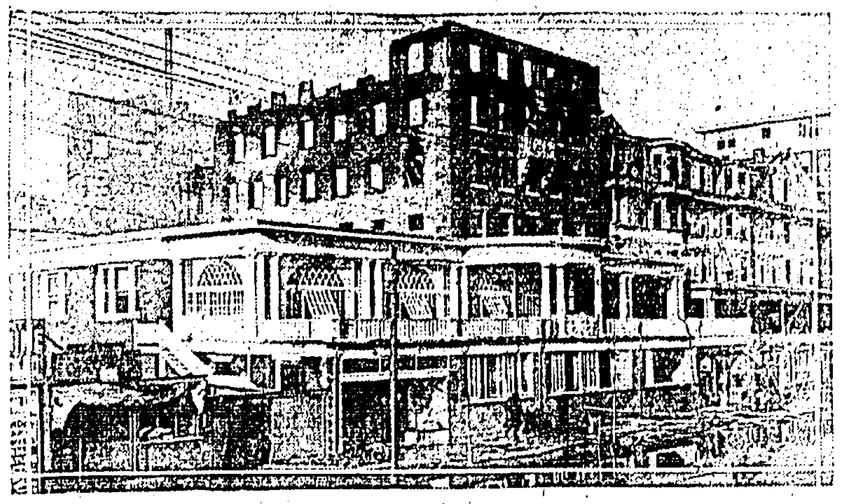
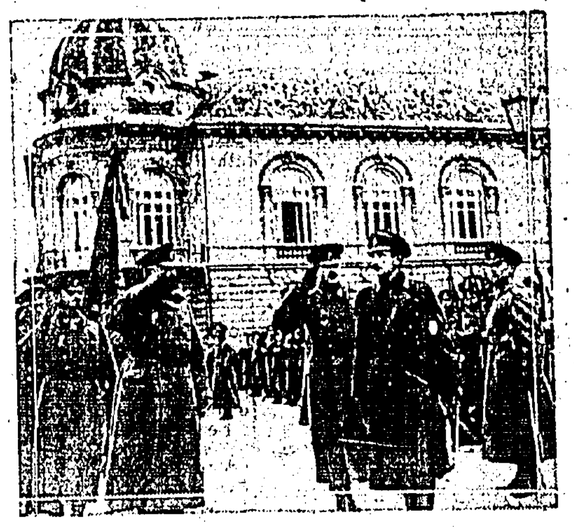
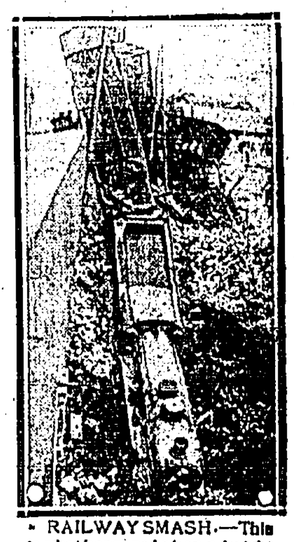


HOTEL FIRE.—View of the Hotel Bothwell on the boardwalk at Atlantic City after fire had destroyed a number of buildings and caused the deaths of two. Damage was estimated at more than a million dollars.



IN BULGARIA.—Boris III, King of Bulgaria, inspects the guard of honour at the state opening of parliament, with all the oldtime pomp and ceremony. News and pictures from this country have been scarce the past few months due to a strict censorship at Sofia because of revolutionary rumblings.

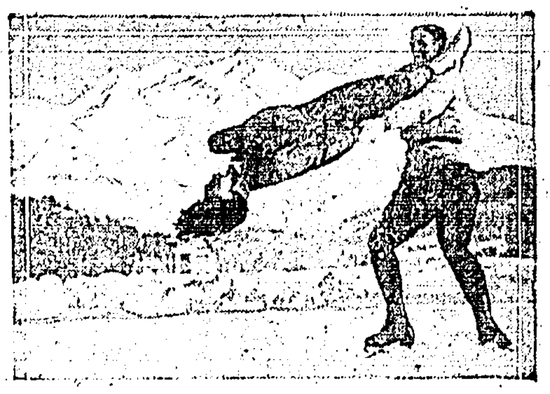
MRS. HARDING'S FUNERAL.—The little city of Marion sorrowfully turned out to pay its respects to the memory of Mrs. Warren G. Harding. Not since the death of her illustrious husband, the late President, had there been such a display of genuine grief in Marion. Hundreds filed past the flower-banked bier in the home of Mrs. Frank J. Longshore, niece of the former "first lady."



RAILWAY SMASH.—This is what happened when a freight train ran into a defective switch at Chantilly, France. This locomotive and several cars plunged down into a ravine. Both the engineer and fireman were killed.

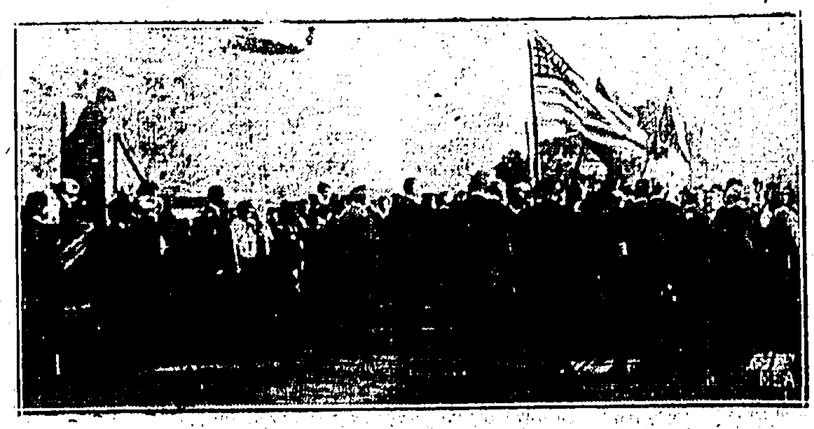
WORTH MONEY.—These are the first sables to be bred and reared in captivity. They are on a silver fox farm at Ausable Chasm, N. Y. They weigh one pound and are worth $1,000 each.

PROMOTED.—John Mr. Van A. MacMurray, chief of the far eastern division of the U. S. State Department, has been named assistant secretary of state, succeeding the late Mr. Alvee A. Adee.



STUNT SKATING.—Katie Schmidt acts as the human dish-rag for Nicholson, stunt skater at St. Moritz, Switzerland.

K. K. K. WOMEN.—Hundreds of women were initiated into the auxiliary to the Ku Klux Klan at a big rally in Elmira, N. Y. Here they are seen being sworn in. The fiery cross is burning in the background. The women wear hoods and robes just as the men do.



LABOURITES MEET.—Delegates to the American Federation of Labour convention in El Paso, met representatives of the Mexican Confederation of Labour at the American gate of the international bridge. Both American and Mexican flags were flying. The visitors marched three miles on foot from their Juarez meeting place, across the bridge, through the streets of El Paso, to Liberty Hall, where the Americans were assembled.

RADIO NOTES AND NEWS

The Time Barrier.

Washington: In all the meetings at the Third National Radio Conference here, where national, simultaneous and super-power broadcasting were discussed, one insurmountable obstacle obtruded itself.

That was, Time.

Time is the drawback to some of the fondest dreams and hopes in the minds of radio broadcasters. High power, long distance, relaying of programmmes, interconnection of stations—all these, and other more or less important matters must be considered only in so far as Time will permit.

The difference in time between New York and San Francisco cannot be obliterated as easily as their intervening distance has been. Even when super-power stations, with the most efficient methods of transmission, can hurl their programmes across deserts and over mountains with ease, Time will remain the drawback to their practicability.

For when New York is ready to broadcast, San Francisco is still at work. And when San Francisco is ready to listen in, New York—or the east at least—is going to bed.

No better example of this disparity in time, and its disparaging effect upon super-power and simultaneous broadcasting, can be given than the speech of Secretary of Commerce Hoover at the opening of the radio conference, when it was broadcast through 17 different stations. He began talking at about 8.15 eastern time, in the assembly room of the Interior Department building at Washington.

The east and middle west, and perhaps even the mountain region east of the Rockies, could have listened in, for the time of the secretary's broadcast speech in each of these divisions was 8.15 7.15 and 6.15 respectively.

But the Pacific coast was just returning from work. It was only 5.15 then, and only the wildest of radio fans might have been listening to this talk.

HOPES MAINTAINED.

Yet there is talk of "Der Tag" when San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle will listen in on concerts broadcast from London!

This is perfectly possible, even to-day, and it will be more easily accomplished a little later. But such broadcasting will be ineffectual against the six-hour difference in time between London and the Pacific coast. The entire territory that could be covered by such broadcasting could not listen in at the same time.

London then would be reaching out to Burmah on the one hand, and San Diego on the other. That would mean almost a day's difference in time between one listener and the other. Not to mention the difference in tastes customs and habits that must also be considered!

Time, therefore, is the providential element that will save the local broadcaster from annihilation. Super-power broadcasting may spread. Programmes of national interest may continue to be transmitted through interconnecting stations the country over.

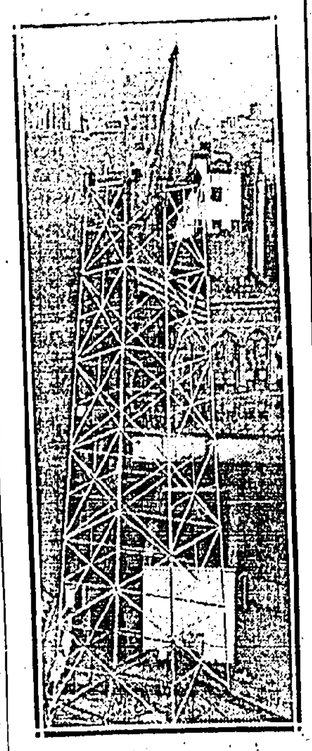
But so long as 8 o'clock, eastern standard time, usually is the basis on which these intercommunicating, or super-power stations work, people along the Pacific coast will stick to their local broadcasters. According to one San Francisco broadcaster, even if the cost of connecting his station to an eastern station were cheap enough, he would not give up his "Children's Hour," at 5.30 coast time, for anything sent out from the east at 8.30 eastern time.

Until radio men find a way to overcome this obstacle of time, there need be no fear of monopoly of the air by high-power stations, or of elimination of local stations by any system of national or international broadcasting.

TOMATO-POTATO PLANT.

An interesting experiment carried out at Dollar Park Falkirk, with the object of securing a more strongly-constituted tomato, has resulted in the growing of a plant which has been found to bear fruit both above and under the ground. Early in the year a tomato shoot was grafted on to a potato plant, and when lifted a few weeks ago, the plant was found to have beneath the surface, two growths of potatoes, the first being of average size; while, above ground, a crop of tomatoes had already been taken.

MORE STEEL.



Amidst all the steel of New York, another pair of steel towers is rising in construction of broadcasting station WGBS. The size of each tower is well illustrated by comparison with the men on the top. This is the second Class B station owned by Gimbel Brothers of New York and Philadelphia. Their station in Philadelphia is WIP.

THE DEMOCRACY OF MODERN GOLF.

BEAM WIRELESS.

Use of Short Waves.

In the recent short-wave experiments in England it was noticed that at night time the signals were received continuously with great strength at a distance of some 2,500 miles, and weaker signals arrived even in the daytime, when the range of wireless is normally much less than when the sun is below the horizon. So strong were the night signals received near the Cape Verde Islands that Senator Marconi estimated that a power of only one-tenth of a kilowatt would have been sufficient. On the Cedric telephonic communication was established with the chairman of Amalgamated Wireless of Australia at Sydney, New South Wales, a distance of over 12,000 miles.

Senator Marconi is now satisfied that wireless by the beam system and small energy radiating short waves is now commercially possible at any distance on the earth, and he is projecting a number of beam stations for this purpose, the operation of which will be so economical compared with existing systems as very greatly to reduce the cost of long distance transmission.

PHYSICIAN BARRED.

Wrote Article to Attract Attention

The General Medical Council yesterday found that Dr. Hadyn Brown, of Cavendish Square, W., had been guilty of unprofessional conduct, and the registrar was directed to erase his name from the medical register, says a London message of November 28th.

He was summoned to appear before the council on the charge that he sought to obtain patients or to promote his own professional advantage by means of a signed article containing his portrait published in a weekly magazine. The article was entitled "Childbirth: Amazing New Discovery."

Dr. Hadyn Brown said his article was intended to draw attention to the defects in medical society organization, which had failed and still failed to recognize important scientific discoveries sooner than it did.

He claimed that articles in medical journals had resulted in nothing advantageous to the profession, or to the public. He deliberately chose to write in this particular magazine because it reached a large number of people, and he believed that the action might lead to recognition of his own treatment for child-birth.

"How did you think recognition of your scientific discoveries would be achieved in this way?" asked the president.

"I considered," Dr. Brown replied, "there was a great likelihood that it would lead to an inquiry on the part of the General Medical Council, I desired an opportunity of calling attention to what I consider a flagrant and unfortunate want in the medical profession."

The president: You deliberately anticipated that this article would bring you within the scope and notice of the council?—I did, sir.

Dr. Hadyn Crown holds the degrees of L.R.C.P.,L.R.C.S., Edinburgh and L.R.F.P.S., Glasgow. According to a medical directory he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a member of the Psychical Research Society. Dr. Brown was awarded a medal and four clasps for service in the South African war.

He has written a number of books, including "The Secret of Good Health and Long Life," "The Secret of Human Power," and "New Era Psychology."

ROCK FROM THE SKY.

M. Camille Flammarion, the famous astronomer, informed a Paris correspondent of the *Daily Express* that two months ago a heavy meteorite fell near the Portuguese frontier, boring a deep hole in the earth. This mass of inter-planetary rock burned like lava when found. The meteorite, which weighed about two hundredweights, was calculated to have hit the earth at a pace of nearly thirty-six miles a second. It must, said the veteran astronomer, be the remnant of an inter-planetary disturbance that probably occurred two million years ago. During this time the meteorite has been rushing through space.

FINGER-PRINTS ACROSS SEA.

Prisoners Identified by Code.

For the first time in the history of Scotland Yard a prisoner has been identified by cabled descriptions of his finger-prints.

Formerly identification would have involved the mailing of copies of the finger-prints of a suspect. There would have been a delay varying from eight days to several weeks, involving repeated adjournments if the matter had come before a magistrate, and, in any case, the detention for a prolonged period of a prisoner who may, after all be found innocent.

In the present instance the code worked out by Superintendent Collins, Scotland Yard's expert, was in the possession of police authorities in all parts of the Empire, as well as in South America and the United States.

Recently a suspect was arrested in London in company with a man whom Scotland Yard knew to have been convicted thousands of miles away. The Finger Print Department searched their records for prints corresponding with those of the second man, but without success.

Superintendent Collins's code was tried, and by its aid a full description of the prints taken were cabled to the country where the first man's conviction had taken place, and the police there were asked to investigate.

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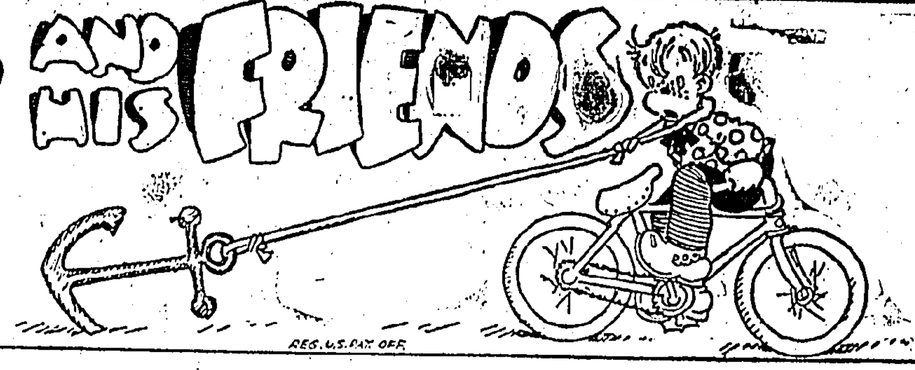

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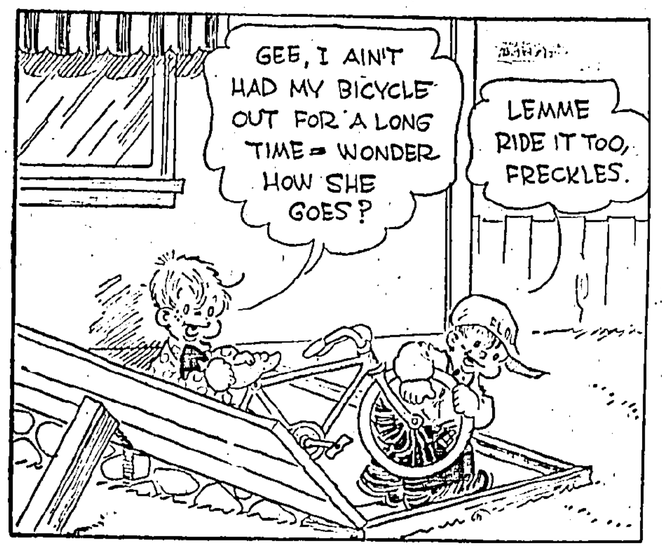

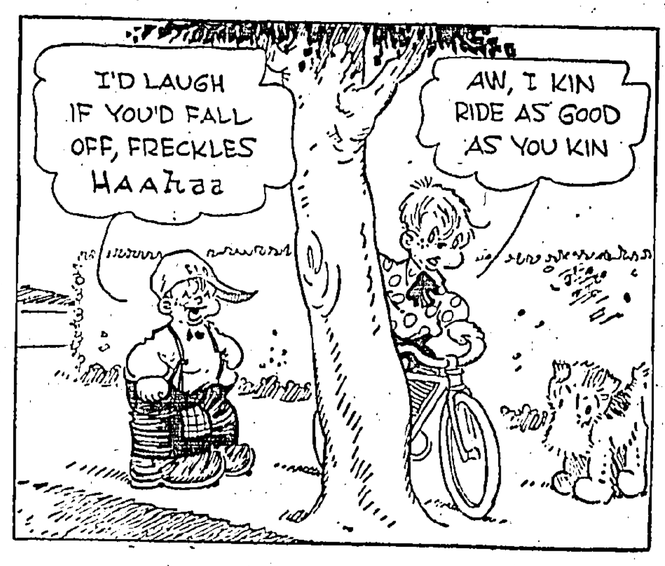

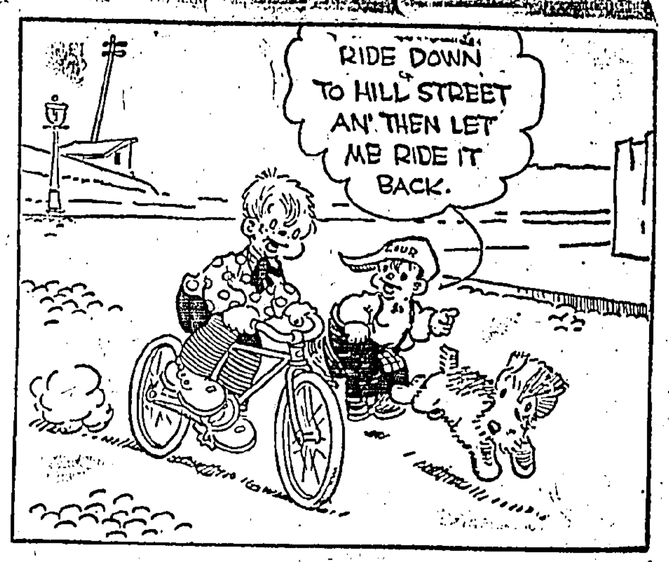

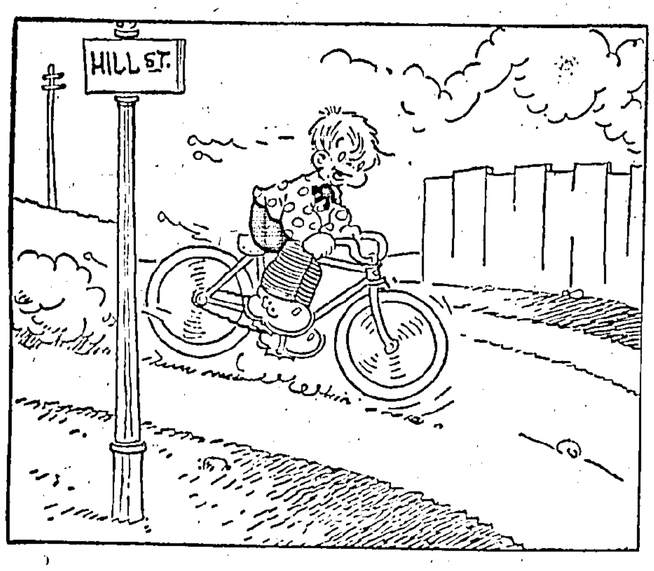

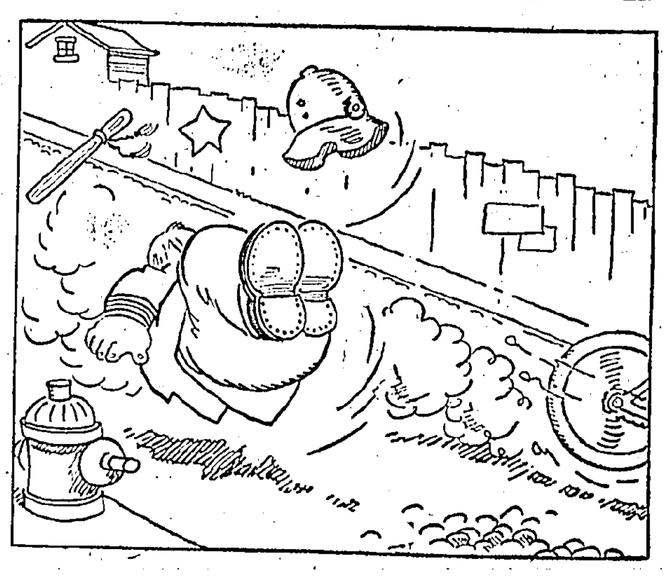

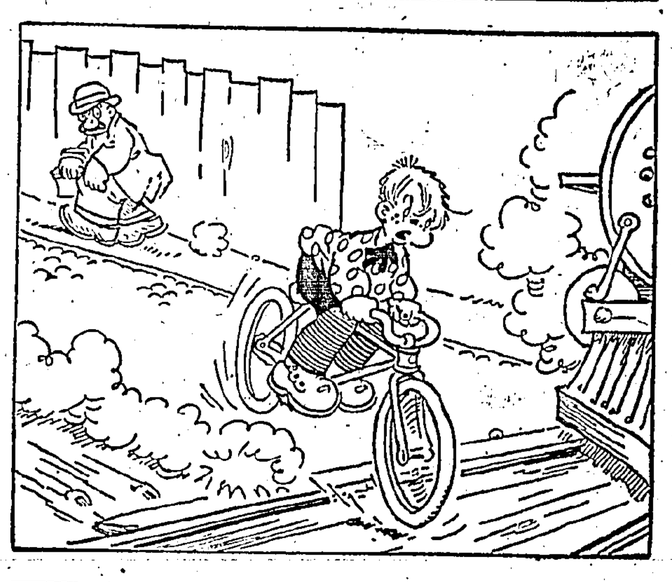

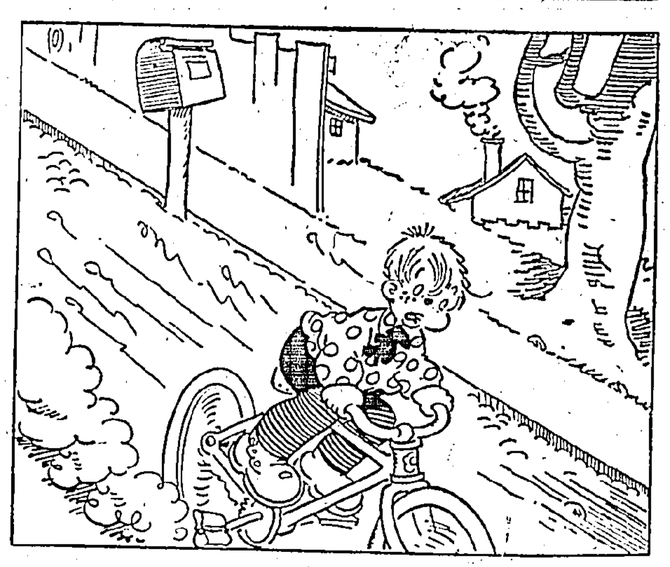

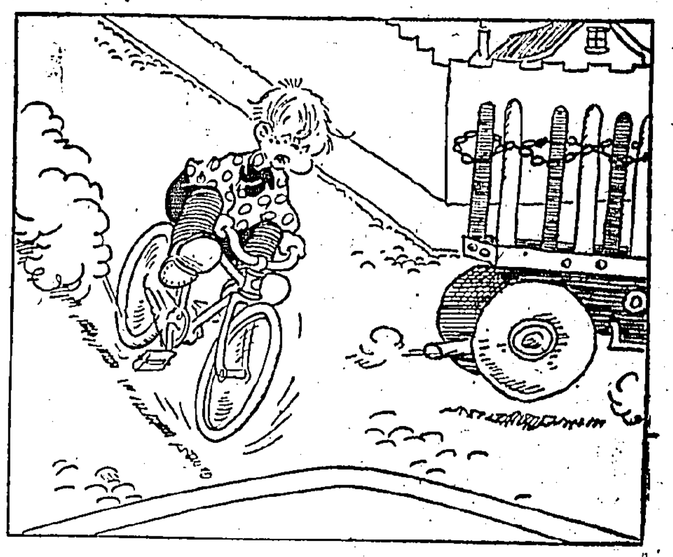

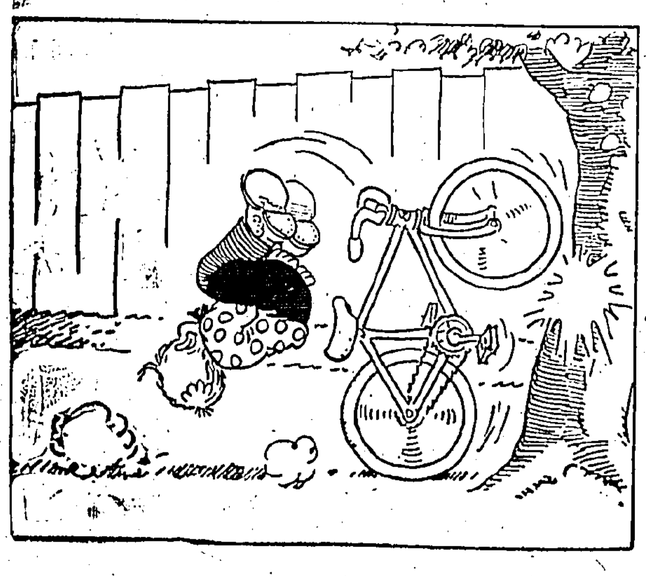

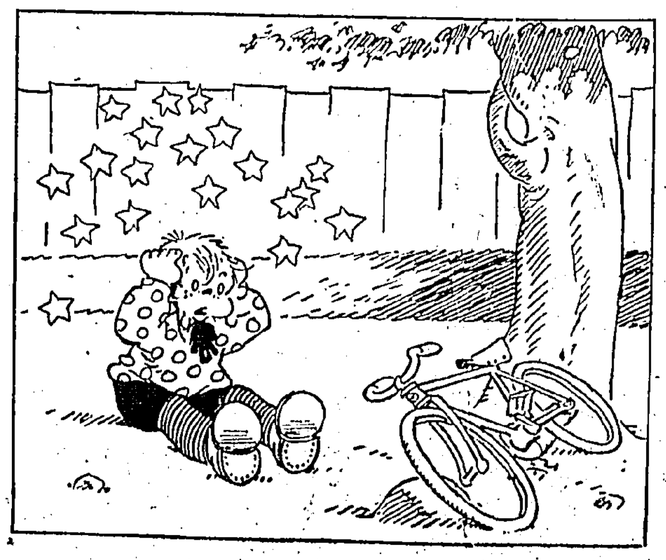

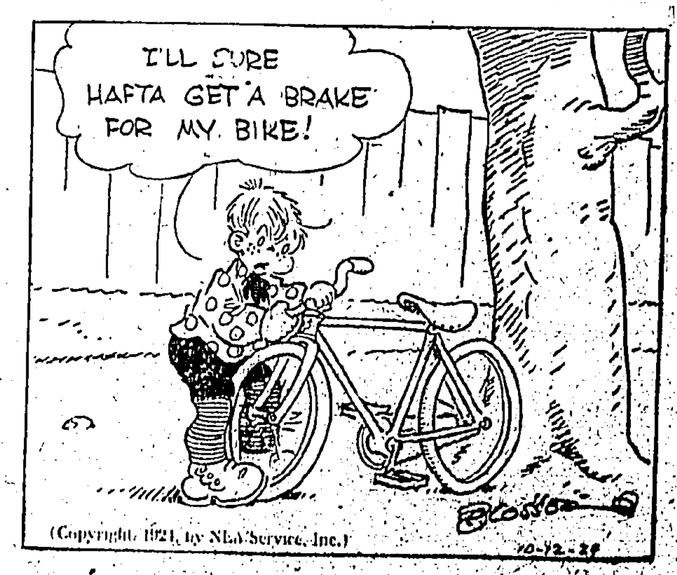

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Banks.					
H.K. & S. Bank	b.	1200	b.	1200	
" (London)	b.	£139			
Chartered Bank	b.	£20½	b.	£20⅛	
Mercantile Banks A & B	b.	£28½	b.	£28¼	
Mercantile Banks C	b.	£12¼	b.	12¼	
P. & O. Bank	n.	£11	a.	£11	
Bank of E. Asia	b.	100	b.	100	
Marine Insurance.					
Canton	b.	755	b.	755	
China Underwriters	b.	2.30 sa. 2¼/2.30	b.	2.25 sa. 2.30	
North China	n.	$140	n.	140	
Union	b.	260 sa. 260	b.	261	
Yangtsze	b.	41½	b.	41	
Fire Insurances.					
China Fires	b.	180	b.	180	
H.K. Fires	b.	710	b.	700	
Shipping.					
Douglases	b.	54	s.	58	
H.K. Steamboats	b.	37 sa. 37	b.	37	
H.K. Tugs.	sa.	1½/1.55	b.	1.50	
Indos (Prof.)	n.	38	n.	38	
Indos Def. Lon/Reg.	n.	120			
Indos Def. H.K. Reg.	n.	120	b.	120	
Shells	b.	88/-	b.	88/-	
Ferries	sa.	136	b.	138½ sa. 140	
Water-boats	b.	18¾	b.	19½	
Oriental Navigation	n.	255	n.	255	
Refineries.					
China Sugars	b.	86	b.	87 sa. 87	
Malabon	n.	41	n.	41	
Mining.					
Benguet Consol.	sa.	2.85			
Kailan	n.	70/-	n.	68/-	
Langkats Combined	b.	23	n.	23	
S'hai Explor. New Issue	n.	5	n.	5½	
Raubs	n.	3	n.	2.90	
Tronohs	n.	56/-	b.	55/-	
Ural Caspians	n.	8/-			
Docks Wharves, Godowns &c.					
H.K. Wharves	b.	212 sa. 213	s.	213	
K. Docks	b.	150 sa. 151	b.	150 sa. 151	
Hongkew Wharves	b.	210			
New Engineerings	n.	7.40	n.	7.60	
Shanghai Docks	b.	108½	b.	109	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.					
H.K. Hotels (cum rts.)	b.	18¾	s.	19	
Do. (New) Prem.	sa.	18	b.	18.10	
H.K. Developments	n.	90cts.	b.	90cts.	
H.K. Lands	sa.	108½/9	b.	108 sa. 108½/9	
H.K. Realty	b.	2½	b.	2.35	
H.K. Territories	s.	3½	s.	4	
Humphreys Estate	b.	21¾ sa. 22	b.	21½	
Princes Bldg.	n.	150	n.	150	
Cotton Mills.					
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Orientals	b.	4.10	b.	4	
Shanghai Cottons Old	n.	60	n.	60	
Shanghai Cottons New	n.	33	n.	33	
Miscellaneous.					
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Cements (cum rts.)	n.	19¾	sa.	20	
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Dd. (Com.)	n.	28½	b.	29¼ sa. 29	
China Light Old	b.	19.10	n.	19	
Do. New	b.	12¼	n.	12	
Do. (Com.)	b.	25¼ sa. 25½	s.	25½	
China Providents Old	b.	16	b.	16¼	
Do. New	b.	6¼ sa. 6¼	b.	6.10 sa. 6.25	
Constructions	n.	7.60	b.	7.15	
Dairy Farms	b.	27	b.	26½ s. 27 sa. 26½	
Der A Wing (f.p.)	n.	10	s.	10	
" (p.p.)	n.	5	n.	5	
Electrics H.K. Old	n.	45¾	sa.	45¾/46	
Electrics Macao	n.	42			
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Hongkong, January 7, 1925

OVER-POPULATION PROBLEM

German Professor's Theory.

Professor Albrecht Penck, the eminent German geographist and geologist, of Berlin University, has drawn up a reply to the Malthusian theory, which he entitles "A Problem of Difficult Anthropo-Geography." After studying the whole question of food production of the earth, Professor Penck arrives at the conclusion that the latter can support at the utmost 9,000,000,000 persons. The earth supports at present about one-fifth of this potential population, and if the inhabitants of the world continue to increase on the same ratio as during the past fifty years they will till the earth, according to Professor Penck, in 300 years.

Professor Penck calculates that when the population of the earth has reached 8,000,000,000, five-eighths of those people will live in the tropics and three-eighths in the temperate zones. He estimates that Brazil offers the greatest possibilities for an increase of population, and believes that country can support 1,200,000,000 people. He estimates, however, that the "two great Anglo-American Powers" will together be able to support a population of the same size, and that the other Spanish American States will also be able to support the same number. He deduces that the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking people have thus a very fair prospect of ousting the Anglo-American element from its present predominant position.

Professor Penck concludes that there is no need to adopt such expedients as those proposed by Malthus, for, to cite one reason only, the increase of population will be retarded by the fact that very large numbers of people will lose their lives in going into the tropical virgin forests to open up fresh means of production.

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THE FLOWER LAND.

China's Gardens of Wonders.

The present writer, for one, had but a very small idea of Europe's debt to China for many beautiful flowers now naturalised in, for instance, England. To that country Fortune and others, in the first half of last century sent, the glorious climbing Wistaria sinensis, the Camellias, Azaleas, writes a contributor to the *Singapore Free Press*.

The first Tree Paeonies (P. Moutan) arrived in 1786, and Fortune, later, found and despatched about forty new varieties from the northern province of Canton, having blossoms which are either rose-coloured or white, and, from the vicinity of Shanghai some most striking and beautiful kinds. Amongst them were lilacs and purples; some nearly black; and one the Chinese called the yellow, which, however, was only white with a slight tinges of yellow near the centre of the petals. In 1844 he sent home 12 or 13 fine new varieties, and later another collection the flowers of which were very large and fine, and colours dark purple, lilac, and deep red. In 1850, in the Moutan Gardens near Shanghai, the purple and lilac kinds proved particularly striking. The "Black Moutan" (P. Atrosanguinea) was a very dwarf plant with finely-cut leaves and flowers of a dark velvety purple, like the Tuscany Rose of English gardens. The "tse" (purple) has double flowers of large size, and the "lan" (blue) is a lilac variety with flowers of the colour of Wistaria; and the double whites are numerous and handsome (e.g., P. globosa).

The most expensive one is called "wang" (yellow); it is straw-coloured, rather pretty but not so handsome as some of the others. The reds (hong) are also numerous. One of them, Van yang houy, being the finest flower Fortune had ever seen—perfectly double, and each measuring ten inches across. In the gardens of the mandarins the Moutan frequently attained a great size and produced between 400 and 500 blooms yearly.

CANTON WATER LILIES.

On the sides of the Canton River both below and above the city of Whampoa, large quantities of water lily (Lotus, Nelumbium speciosum) are grown, enclosed by embankments in the same manner as paddy plots. In the summer and autumn, when in flower, the lotus fields have a gay and striking appearance. In front of the temples on Poo-to Island there is a pretty lake filled with these flowers, than which none could be more beautiful or more majestic.

Of the Camellia Japonica, found growing spontaneously in the woods of the same island, there are specimens from 20 to 30 feet in height, with stems thick in proportion. They, are, however, only the well-known single red. Foochow-foo is the great camellia garden of China, and in no other part of the country did Fortune ever see these plants in such perfect health or so beautifully cultivated. The flowers of two varieties were of most perfect form, with striped and self-coloured blossoms upon the same plant.

The plants which stand next to dwarf trees in importance with the Chinese are certainly Chrysanthemums, which they manage extremely well perhaps better than they do any other plant.

Wistaria chinensis (Glycine) grows wild in the island of Chusan; climbing among the hedges and on trees, its flowering branches hang in graceful festoons by the sides of the narrow roads which lead over the mountains, or dipping leaves and flowers in canals and mountain streams. One can scarcely imagine anything more gorgeous and beautiful than a large Wistaria in full bloom. Its main and larger branches are entwined round every branch and branchlet of the tree, and from them hundreds of small ones hang down until they nearly touch the ground. They are covered with flower buds which a day or two of warm weather brings rapidly forward into bloom before the plant puts forth its leaves. Just such a display greeted the present writer in early years upon the whole west front of a large house in the Stour Valley, Essex. In Chusan and all over the provinces of Cho Liang and Kiang Soo, it seems to be at home on every hill side. It was first introduced into England in 1818.

HONGKONG ORCHIDS.

The tops of the highest hills in Hongkong are covered in summer and autumn with the purple Arundina Chinensis and the yellow Spathoglottis Fortunei. By far the most beautiful plants met with on the low ground—in the wild state, generally very near the sea-shore—are the different species of Lagerstroemia. There are two or three varieties, having red, white, and purple flowers; and in the summer months when they are in bloom, they are quite the hawthorns of China, surpassing in their gorgeous flowers even that beautiful family. A little higher up we find the beautiful Ixora coccinea flowering in profusion in the clefts of the rocks and its scarlet heads of bloom under the Hongkong sun are of the most dazzling brightness. The ravines are crowded with ferns and creeping shrubs of different kinds, and under the ever-dripping rocks is the beautiful Chirita sinensis, with its elegant foxglove lilac flowers.

At Shanghai a pretty bulbous plant, Lycoris radiata, covers the graves in autumn with masses of brilliant purple. Large tracts of land near Ning Po are planted with bulbs of a liliaceous plant—probably a Fritillaria—used in medicine, and in March, when these fields are in full blossom, they give a character to the country. Brassica chinensis the oil plant, is extensively grown. Its flower stems are 3 or 4ft. high, with long pods of seed like all the cabbage tribe. In April, the whole country seems tinged with gold, and the fragrance which fills the air, particularly after an April shower, is delightful. Few can form any idea of the gorgeous and striking beauty of the Azalea-clad mountains of Hongkong. On every side, as far as our vision extends, the eye rests on masses of flowers of dazzling brightness and surpassing bauty. Nor is it the azalea alone which claims our admiration; clematises, wild roses, honey-suckles, the glycine, and a hundred others, mingle their flowers with them and makes us confess that China is indeed the "central flowery land."

PETROLEUM FROM FISH.

Professor's Theory of oil Origins.

Professor J. M. Macfarlane has called attention (as a reviewer in *Nature* recalls) to the frequent association in geological time of oil-containing deposits with rocks containing abundant remains of fresh-water fish.

Although a botanist, he does not allow that vegetable remains have played any appreciable part in the production of oil. "The group of fishes alone in the animal kingdom conforms in every respect to the requirements for formation of crude petroleum." Their sudden destruction in immense shoals, their frequent richness in oil, their tendency to float and to accumulate in masses, and the rapid disengagement of oil from their decaying bodies, present a combination of factors favourable to the production of petroleum "not even approached distantly by any other group of animals.

Kerogenite or oil-shale—the main source of crude petroleum—is invariably associated with fish remains, and in accounting for its formation the author recalls the expert mental work of Stuart, showing how oil in muddy water tends to be carried down and entangled among the deposits of mud at the bottom.

Professor Macfarlane recognises in the course of geological history a number of distinct epochs during which oil-formation was particularly active—an Old Red epoch synchronous with the abundance of fresh-water elasmobranchs, dipneusts, and other primitive fish during the Middle and Later Devonian period, a Jurassic epoch when the abundance of fresh-water ganoids reached its climax, a late Cretaceous and early Tertiary epoch marked by great abundance of marine elasmobranchs, and still later epochs marked by oil-deposits of teleostean origin—first marine, and later, as the present day is approached, fresh-water.

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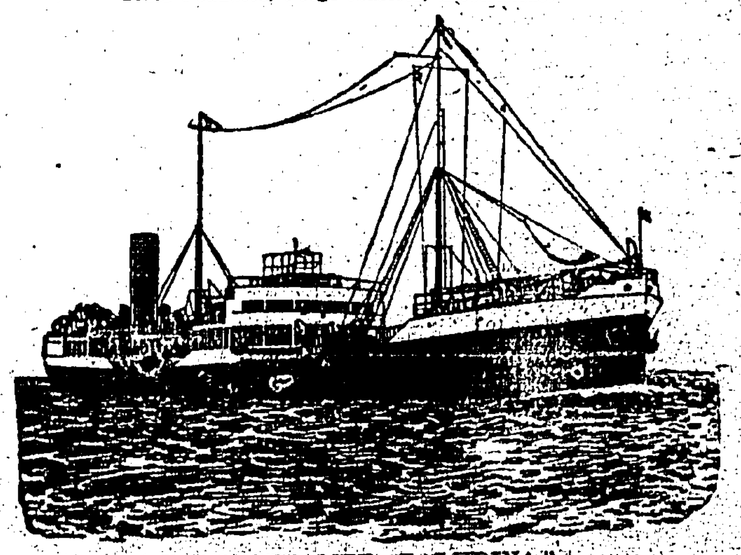

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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
MACEDONIA	11,089	10th Jan.noon	Marseilles & London
SICILIA	6,813	22nd Jan.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
KALYAN	9,118	24th Jan.	M'les,L'don,R'dam&A'worp
DONGOLA	8,083	4th Feb.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
MOREA	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles & London
SARDINIA	6,684	18th Feb.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
KASHMIR	8,963	21st Feb.	M'les, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
SOUDAN	6,696	18th Mar.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
KASHGAR	9,005	21st Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp
SICILIA	6,813	31st Mar.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
MANTUA	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KARMALA	9,098	18th Apr.	M'les, London & Anwerp
MACEDONIA	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
SARDINIA	6,684	16th May	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
NAGOGA	6,854	16th May	Marseilles & London

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

VACADA	6,949	20th Jan.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	2nd Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
SILAWA	8,500	15th Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th Feb.	Manila, S'an,Thursday Is., Townsville, B'bane, S'ney and Melbourne.
WANDA	6,956	28th Feb.	
ARAFURA	6,000	1st Apr.	

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

MOREA	10,911	9th Jan. 4p.m.	Shanghai. Moji & Kobe
TALMA	10,000	11th Jan.	Kobe & Moji
KASHMIR	8,963	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SARDINIA	6,684	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SILAWA	8,500	24th Jan.	Moji & Kobe
VACILWA	8,500	3rd Feb.	Kobe
WANDA	6,956	7th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASHGER	9,005	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SOUDAN	6,696	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	7th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS.

Parcels Measuring not more than 2½ft. x 2ft. x 1ft. will be received at the Co.'s Office up to noon on the day previous to sailing.
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OUTWARDS. Vessel.	Due Hongkong.	HOMEWARDS. Vessel.	Leaves Hongkong.
GLENSHIEL	In Port	GLENTARA London, Rotterdam & H'burg.	21st Jan.
PEMBROKESHIRE	29th Jan.	GLENBEG London, Rotterdam & H'burg	26th Jan.
GLENIFFER	9th Feb.	GLENSHIEL London, Rotterdam & H'burg.	15th Feb.
GLENOGLE	19th Feb.		

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Steamer.	Arrives Hongkong from Australia.	Leave Hk. for M'la, Port Banga, Thurs. Is. & A'lian Ports.
CHANGSHA	10th Jan.	17th Jan.
TAIYUAN	23rd Feb.	28th Feb.

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SERVICES CONTRACTULS

Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	Pro. arr. at Hkg and Sailing for S'hai & Japan	Pro. Sailing from H'kong for M'lles
ANDRE LEBON			18th Jan. 1925.
AMBOISE	4th Dec.	8th Jan. 1925.	1st Feb.— "
CHANTILLY	18th Dec.	19th Jan. "	15th Feb. "
PORTHOS	1st Jan.	2nd Feb. "	1st Mar. "
AMAZONE	15th Jan.	16th Feb. "	15th Mar. "
ANGKOR	29th Jan.	2nd Mar. "	29th Mar. "

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Telephone Central 74

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SHIDZUOKA MARU ... ... Wednesday, 4th Feb. at 11 a.m.
YOKOHAMA MARU ... ... Tuesday, 27th Feb. at 11 a.m.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore & Ports.
HAKUSAN MARU (Calls R'dam) Wed., 14th Jan. at 11 a.m.
KITANO MARU ... ... Wednesday, 28th Jan. at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM & Ports.
LIVERPOOL via ADEN & MARSEILLES.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
AKI MARU ... ... Tuesday. 20th Jan. at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU ... ...Wednesday, 18th Feb

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
TATSUNO MARU ... ... Saturday, 10th Jan.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.
TAMBA MARU... ... ... Sunday, 10th Jan
PENANG MARU ... ... Wednesday, 21st Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
GENOA MARU ... ...Friday, 9th Jan.
OSAKA MARU ... ... Sunday, 18th Jan.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
MISHIMA MARU ... ... Wednesday, 14th Jan.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
TOTTORI MARU ... ... Saturday, 10th Jan.
KAMO MARU ... ... Wednesday, 14th Jan.
ASUKA MARU ... ... Thursday, 15th Jan.
KATORI MARU ... ... Tuesday, 27th Jan.

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HOMEWARD FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

S.S. "ROSANDRA" ... ...Sails about 8th Jan.
S.S. "NUMIDIA" ... ...Sails about 2nd Feb.
S.S. "VENEZIA" ... ...Sails about 7th Feb.
S.S. "LACONIA" ... ...Sails about 26th Feb.
S.S. "FIUME-L" ... ...Sails about 7th Mar.

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City of Tokio 13th Jan. M'les, L'don, R'dam, H'burg & Antwerp

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† City of Karachi 29th Jan. Marseilles, London, etc.
§ City of Baroda 4th Mar. Marseilles, London, etc.
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination.	Steamer.	Sailings.
KOBE via Amoy & S'hai	Kutsang Thurs.	8th Jan. at 5 p.m.
S'TAO via S'tow & S'hai	Kwongsang Thurs	8th Jan. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Taksang Fri.	9th Jan. at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	Cheongshing Fri	9th Jan. at 7 a.m.
MANILA	Suisang Sat.	10th Jan. at noon.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Mingsang Sun.	11th Jan. at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Wosang Sun.	11th Jan. at 7 a.m.
S'TAO via S'tow & S'hai	Tungshing Wed.	14th Jan. at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Barrymore Wed.	14th Jan. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via S'tow	Lienshing Fri.	16th Jan. at 7 a.m.
KOBE via Amoy & Moji	Namsang Tues	20th Jan. at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang Tues.	20th Jan. at 3 p.m.

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Steamships	Captain.	Leaving.	
Haining	W. C. Passmore	TUES., 6th Jan.	at 4 p.m.
Haiyang	J. S. Thomson	FRI. 9th Jan.	at 1 p.m.
Haiching	A. H. Stewart	TUES., 13th Jan.	at 1 p.m.

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S.S. OLDEKERK ... ...15th January.
S.S. GEMMA ... ...10th February.
S.S. OOSTKERK... ... ...10th March.

Sailings for Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg & Bremen.

S.S. SALAWATI... ... ... 24th January.
S.S. OLDEKERK... ... ...End of February.
S.S. GEMMA ... ...End of March.

All steamers have a limited accommodation for passengers.
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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LTD.
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Consignees per Company's Steamer
"ATREUS"
are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 7th. January.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th. Jan., 1925 will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th. January, 1925 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
6th. January, 1925.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINE,

The Steamship
"PRES. HARRISON"
having arrived from New York, via ports, on Jan. 5th. 1924, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10th. 1925, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Jan. 12th, 1925, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINE,
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WEATHER REPORT.

Jan. 7d 11h. 20m.—Pressure has increased slightly from Vladivostock to N.E. Japan and over Formosa. It has decreased slightly over the Loochoos and is nearly stationary elsewhere.

The anticyclone continues to spread eastward.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.47 inches, against an average of 0.16 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Formosa Channel 2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamocks 3 H'kong to Gap Rock..... 4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan	N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong, January 7.

SHIPPING NEWS

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day:

Vessels Arrived.

Vessel	Agents	From	Mooring 6th Jan.
Hydrangea	Wm Un	Swatow	
Atreus	B & S	Birkenhead via S'pore	"
Titan		Norfolk via Honlo	"
Telemachus	Wo Fat ling	Saigon	"
Dongola	M M & Co.	Bombay via S'pore	"
Kutsang	J M & Co	Calcutta via S'pore	"
Olsen Jebsen	Kuansang	Singapore	"
Yeijon M.	M B K	Canton	"
Aizawa M.	M B K	Keelung	"
Tosei M.	Suzuki & Co	Keelung	"
Hirokubo M.	Y K K	Calcutta via S'pore	"
Tai Lee	Yee Tai Hong	Chefoo via Dairen	"
Van Overstraten	J O J L	Belawan Deli via S'pore	"

Clearances.

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure 6th Jan.
Milkosan M.	M B K	Hongay	
Tairea	M M & Co.	Calcutta via S'pore	"
Hai Nam	Kwong O	K O Wan	"
Atlas M.	O S K	Hamburg via S'pore	"
Tak Hing	Fook Hoi	Anton	"
Toyo M.	Y K K	Haiphong via Port Courbet	"
Taisema	Yan Fat	K O Wan	"
Hosei M.	M B K.	Haiphong	"
Ling Lem	Chung Wah	Jqu que via Taraka	"
Suncing	B & S	Shanghai via Amoy	"
Hangta	Y K K	Keelung	"

Impending Departures.
(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing
Kwongsang	J M Co.	Shanghai	8th Jan.
Ixion	B & S	Suez	8th "
Em. of Asia	O P S Ld.	Vancouver	8th "
Chongshing	J M Co	Tientsin	9th "
Morea	P & O	Moji	9th "
Haiyang	D L & Co.	Foochow	9th "
Tsinan	J M Co.	Swatow	9th "
Tsinan	N Y K	Rangoon	9th "
Genoa M.	P & O	London	10th "
Macedonia	P & O	Manila	10th "
Suisang	J M Co.	Manila	10th "
Tatsuno M	N Y K	Panama	11th "
Tamba M.	N Y K	Colombo	10th "
Tottori M	N Y K	Yokohama	11th "
Talma	P & O	Moji	11th "
Mingsang	J M Co.	Foochow	11th "
Wosang	J M Co.	Swatow	11th "
Epenor	B & S	Hamburg	13th "
Haicring	D L & Co.	Amoy	13th "

Impending Arrivals.
(Supplied by our Advertisers.)

Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Morea	P & O	Singapore	8th Jan.
Em. of Russia	O P S Ld.	Shanghai	8th "
Talma	P & O	Singapore	9th "
Kamo M	N Y K	Suez	13th "
Shinyo Maru	T K K	Yokohama	15th "

Consignees Diary.
(Compiled from our Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Goods Stored	Free Storage Expires	Claims to be in by	Examination Date
West Ison	A O L	Kowloon	Jan 6		Jan. 5
Pres. Madison	A O L	Kowloon	Jan. 7		Jan 9
Pres. Harrison	D S L	Kowloon	Jan. 12		Jan. 10

Steamers' Movements.

Amboise from Europe via Haiphong is due to arrive on Thursday the 8th inst. at 6 a.m. and will sail for Shanghai the same day at 4 p.m.

Amiral which left Hongkong on the 22rd of November arrived Marseilles on the 23rd of December.

EXCHANGE.

Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 1.)

SELLING.

T/T	2 4
Demand	2 4.1 16
30 d/s.	
60 d/s.	
4 m/s.	2/4½
T.T. Shanghai	Nom.
T.T. Singapore	par.
T/T. Japan	143¼
T/T India	166
Demand India	—
T/T. San Francisco and New York	55⅝
T/T. Java	126
T/T. Marks	Nom
T/T France	10 35
Demand, Paris	—

BUYING.

4 m/s. D/D.	2/4 15/16
4 m/s. D/P.	2/5.1/16
6 m/s. D/D.	2/5½
4 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne,	2/4½
30 d/s. San Francisco and New York	56⅞
4 m/s. Mars	Nom.
6 m/s. Franco	10.95
6 m/s. "	11.15
Demand, Germany.	
Demand, New York	55⅜
T/T. Bombay	—
Demand, Bombay	166
T/T. Calcutta	—
Demand, Calcutta	166
On Yokohama	145¼
Demand, Manila	1 1
Demand, Singapore	100
Demand, Batavia	136
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	79½
Sovereigns	8.30
Gold leaf per Tael	46 00
Bar Silver ready.	37⅜
forward	34 0/16
Bank of England 10.25	35⅝
New York/London	4 76⅛

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Hongkong, Jan. 7 1925

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due.
Straits	Dongola	7th Jan.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only London 4th Dec)	Olsen Jebsen	7th "
Saigon	Amboise	7th "
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Wilson	8th "
Manila	Pres Madison	8th "
Shanghai	Changtu	8th "
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London 11th Dec. 1924 & Parcels 4th Dec. 1924)	Morea	8th "
Canada U.S.A. Japan Shanghai & Europe via Canada (London 6th Dec. 1924 & Europe via Siberia (London 12th Dec 1924.)	Empress of Russia	9th "
Straits	Talma	9th "

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Manila *Straits & parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Hindenburg	Thurs. 8 inst 10 30 a.m
Saigon	Pnoumpenh	Thurs., 8 inst., 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	Amboise	Thurs. 8 inst. 2.30 p.m
Amoy	Kutsang	Thurs. 8 inst. 3 30 p.m
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs. 8 inst 3.30 p.m
Haiphong, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Taming	Fri. 9 inst., 8.30 a.m
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., 9 inst., noon
Swatow Amoy & Foochow	Haihong	Fri. 9 inst. noon.
Shanghai & Japan	Morea	Fri 9 inst 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	Fri., 9 inst., 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai Japan, Canada U.S.A., C. & S. America & *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Madison	Parcels 6th 5 p.m. Sat. 10 inst., Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 30 a.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 28th Jan.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & South Africa Aden Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia	Parcels 9th 5 p.m. Sat. 10 inst., Registration 9 45 a.m. Letters 10 30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 6th Feb. 1925.)

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7th January, 1924.

"CONCRETE" EXAMPLE.

Not Suitable For Roads.

The advantages and disadvantages of the various methods of road construction were dealt with by Mr. Walter J. Hadfield at the Institution of Civil Engineers recently, according to a London paper.

All-concrete roads, he thought, did not have any great field except, perhaps, for entirely new roads. The cost of concrete was usually justified only where there was a weak foundation or heavy traffic. Its use involved a long period of disturbance to traffic while the concrete was setting, and its ultimate economy had still to be proved.

The modern asphaltic surface was not slippery, and it was not asphalt which caused skidding, but the film of mud which formed upon it. If the causes of accidents to vehicles were analysed it would be found that a sharp fall from the crown of the road to the channel was often to blame.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. President Harrison for Manila and Europe, January 6.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Weinzheimer, Master C. Weinzheimer, Master H. Weinzheimer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rotharick, Mr. Henry H. Quindy, Mr. and Mrs. G. Tiram, Mr. J. G. Owsley, Mrs. J. M. Doyle, Miss M. Ebert, Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Mrs. E. O'Sullivan, Miss Marie O'Sullivan, Master D. O'Sullivan, Mr. G. A. Allan, Mr. H. S. Grunstein, Mrs. H. Abbott, Miss E. Abbott, Mr. E. Alexander, Mrs. H. Alexander, Mr. R. V. Anderson, Mr. J. W. Atkinson, Mrs. M. Atkinson, Mr. D. C. Bliss, Mr. L. H. Case, Mrs. K. Case, Mr. L. A. Chamberlain, Mrs. E. L. Chamberlain, Mr. S. S. Cook, Mr. E. L. Craig, Mr. B. C. Dailey, Mrs. I. Eyerley, Mr. L. K. Gillson, Mrs. Ida B. Gillson, Mrs. G. Gilmour, Mr. H. C. Hanson, Mr. son, Mrs. E. J. Rogan, Miss M. J. Rogan, Mr. A. B. Slater, Mrs. M. Hennion, Mr. Rbt. F. Howard, Mr. Nina I. Howard, Mr. P. Johnson, Mrs. A. Johnson, Miss R. Johnson, Mr. E. Lorbeer, Mrs. I. C. McLaughlin, Mr. Chas. W. Palm, Mrs. C. Palm, Mr. and Mrs. T. Penfield, Master T. Penfield Jr., Miss K. Ragadale, Mr. and Mrs. O. Reimers, Miss A. W. Richard- S. M. B. Slater, Mr. H. T. Stearns, Mr. Earl F. Townsend, Baroness Virginia Von Horn, Miss Dorothy Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson, Miss D. K. Wilson, Mr. K. D. Wilson, Mr. H. Yanow, Mrs. S. Yanow, Mr. D. Yanow, Mrs. Alice Rinaldo.

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